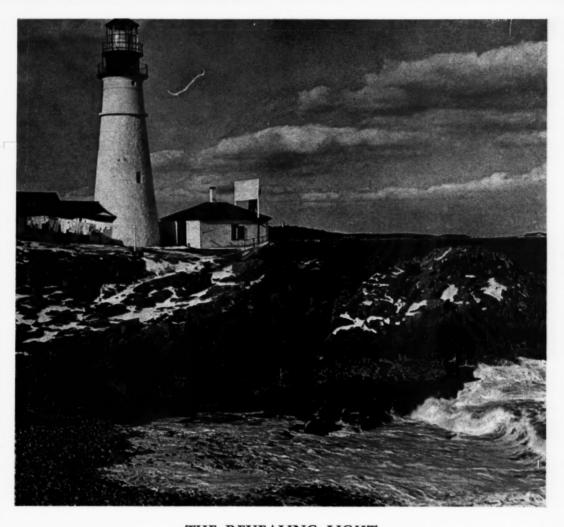
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TREES

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the Earth's sweet flowing breast.

A tree that looks at God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray. A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has lain: Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

-Joyce Kilmer

The Revealing Light

Under the cover of darkness crime flourishes and evil men think to hide their deeds of violence from the Lord. Just as the fool has said in his heart, "There is no God," so the wicked think they can conceal their evil acts from an all-seeing Providence. But the Psalmist declares, "Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" (Ps. 139: 12).

Countless unsolved crimes have baffled law enforcement officials in every generation and those responsible for such undetected acts of violence assume that they have outwitted the law. They are overlooking the fact that God is a God of justice, that He has commanded men to administer His laws, and that under this authorization criminals are brought to justice. When men fail to apprehend those who violate the Divine laws of righteousness, the case is merely transferred from human jurisprudence to that of a higher tribunal for ultimate disposition — and no statute of limitations will operate in that realm to thwart justice when the case is called for a hearing!

Let those who think that they have successfully covered up the past take note of the words of Jesus when He referred to the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known" (Luke 12: 2). Smith and Goodspeed render this, "There is nothing covered up that is not going to be uncovered, nor secret that is not going to be known." God will yet move to bring about the fulfillment of the words of Jesus in the light of His Divine justice. "For what you say in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you whisper in someone's ear, behind closed doors, will be proclaimed from the housetops" (Luke 12: 3, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.).

Justice through the punishment of the wicked and justice through the rewarding the righteous are both to be made manifest in that day. The implications of this are tremendous. The things men have covered up and kept secret will be brought to light and no one will be able to deny that which the penetrating truth of Divine righteousness will reveal as its light focuses upon that which men thought they had completely concealed from view.

But this revealing light of Divine justice will do more than make manifest the evil men have done as it brings them to judgment. It will also bring to light the works of those who have suffered in silence while they fulfilled their Divinely-assigned missions. Then will be made known for all to behold those who, through faith, served the Lord, enduring all manner of indignities for His Name's sake, of whom, as Paul said, "the world was not worthy."

Following the announcement of the fact that all that has been covered and that which has been done in secret is to be made known, Jesus made a solemn assertion, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12: 8-9).

It certainly behooves every one, therefore, to strive to live in conformity with the Divine commandments under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be ready in season and out to acknowledge Jesus Christ before men so that the Son of man may not be compelled to disown him when the time comes for him to stand before the hosts of heaven.

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YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. That the ten-tribed Kingdom, or House, of Israel is distinct and separate from Jewry is a

recognized fact. The Jewish Chronicle for May 2, 1879, stated, "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them.

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the divinelyguided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeved toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which

the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in

these latter times

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if this people are the lineal descendants of the northern tentribed Kingdom of Israel - and they are - there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenant, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right, then there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

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PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they too have a tremendous personal responsi-bility. When it is univer-sally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedi-ence to His laws, will dis-cover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this fact (Jer. 31:35-36). The Jewish Chron-icle says, "Find this people" and Destiny points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the proph-

ecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

DESTINY is a magazine published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word and have seen His hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion; we are not a sect; rather, we are Christians who stand for the whole truth as taught by the Scriptures and for the application of that truth to the spiritual, cultural, economic and political life of man.

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THIS IS THE year that has been marked in an outstanding manner as the terminal of the Con-

summation of the Age as defined in Great Pyramid prophecy. The specific date given is August 20, 1953.

Because this terminal date of the age's consummation is highly significant, many thousands of men and women will be closely watching developments during 1953. There have been, of course, many foolish statements made as to the meaning of this date by those who continue to ignore the necessity to always consider the importance of a date in its setting. To seek to establish "what happened" on a date without reference to the process of which it is a part is no different than attempting to interpret a text of Scripture while ignoring its context. In "Let the Hour Declare It," Destiny for January 1952 (pp. 11–12), the following pertinent observations were made:

"Just what is meant by the Consummation of the Age? It is certain that it does not mean the end of all things. To consummate means 'to bring to completion or perfection' and it is highly significant that this term is used in connection with the completion of marriage when a man and a woman become one flesh through the consummation of the marriage relationship. The analogy is striking, for just as a man and a woman become one in marriage and a new order of life begins for them, so, too, the Consummation of the Age will be the beginning of life anew for God's people Israel, leading to the birth of a new era. . . . As time is involved from conception to birth, so the new order, conceived on August 20, 1953, will, in the years following, be brought to perfection. . . . Thereafter an end to trouble and tribulation for God's people will come, for through His prophets He has said, 'Ye shall be my people, and I will be your God' (Ez. 36: 28 and Hosea 2: 23). A glorious new order of the ages will be the result of the reunion of God and His people when the two will become one in aims and purposes through the restoration of righteous-

It should be carefully noted that a process of time is involved in all this. As pointed out in Day of Decision,* August 20, 1953 is the end of the Night of Darkness that began with the Korean War on June 25, 1950. Following the ending of that night, a new day will dawn for God's people, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations.

Mr. David Davidson, foremost expert on the interpretation of the Great Pyramid's symbolism, states in *The National Message* for November 1, 1952 that August 20, 1953 dates the end of the King's Chamber Period of Divine Assessment and Judgment of the British Economic World Order. He goes on to say:

"With this definitive result — closing, as we may truly say, the whole 'dollar gap' — the case presented is seen to be demonstrably proved true. The Displacement Value coming here [10 x 286.1 from the British ratification of the UN charter October 20, 1945 to August 20, 1953] constitutes a Divine Signature endorsing the cancellation of our age-long accumulation of debt, swollen to a fabulous figure by the 'leaven of the Pharisees' and 'the leaven of Herod.'"

Let us be reminded that the Lord does not call upon us to prophesy, but rather, as students of the prophets, to be watchmen in Israel. The need to be watchful should now develop into definite spiritual preparedness, knowing that the identification of the significance of events as they transpire will be the best evidence of the meaning of the year we have now entered.

Eisenbower Is Elected THE PEOPLE of the United States have elected the man who is to be their President for the next four years, General

Dwight D. Eisenhower. His election was largely influenced by the desire for a change, for after 20 years of New and Fair Deal rule at Washington, corruption and maladministration had become so entrenched that only thus could the people expect any real attempt to be made to clear out those responsible for such evils. Unfortunately the change may be more apparent than real. The mere swapping of party labels is not enough to secure freedom from policies instituted under the Roosevelt-Truman administration.

A twofold question must now be asked. To whom will the General turn for counsel and who are to become his advisors? Is he under obligations to those who secured his nomination at Chicago? If so, are they the ones who will control him and his administration from now on?

We trust and pray that, in behalf of the future welfare of all the people, General Eisenhower will surprise us by repudiating the type of advisors who have already brought

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this great nation to the brink of disaster. We trust also that he will select men, genuinely capable men, who are qualified to deal with the many difficult problems con-

fronting us today.

An outstanding test in all this will be his attitude toward General Douglas MacArthur whose ability should be used, for he possesses an understanding of the Far East that would make him the best possible choice to assign to the task of solving our problems there. When campaigning for the office of the Presidency, if, instead of promising to go to Korea himself, General Eisenhower had told the American people that, if he became President, he would immediately recall General MacArthur and send him to the Far East to make a full report on what must be done to win the conflict, it would have been a stroke of genuine statesmanship.

Actions will speak louder than words and a major straw in the wind that may tell much will be the use he makes, or fails to make, of General MacArthur's ability.

The Fourth Watch We have entered the Fourth Watch of the Night of Darkness, for that watch began on November 5, 1952, the day following our national election. The tempo of conflict has stepped up in the Far East and events in the Middle East continue to be extremely critical, as was anticipated when in Destiny for February 1952 we said:

"We may expect the present skirmishing to expand into full scale conflict during the period of 'enveloping darkness' following the midnight hour."

The conflict in Korea did increase in ferocity in accordance with expected developments during the final hour of the Third Watch of the night. Now that we have entered the first hour of the Fourth Watch of the night, what may be looked for on the agenda in the days ahead?

The first two hours of this Fourth Watch, from 3 A.M. to 5 P.M. (November 5, 1952 to May 16, 1953), correspond with that time of night when human vitality is at its lowest ebb, for it is often true that death overtakes many during these hours of the night. Does this indicate that we are now entering a period of low resistance as the enemy moves in like a flood? In Day of Decision the statement is made:

"With the ending of the third watch the enveloping darkness of the night will deepen during the hours just preceding the dawn of the new day." (Page 56.)

This deepening darkness came upon us beginning November 5, 1952 when, as the result of our national election, the people voted to have a change in governmental administration. There is a general tendency to assume that, now that we are to have a new President, most of our national difficulties will soon be resolved, but unfortunately this is far from the case. Due to conditions beyond his control, Eisenhower's election will tend to increase rather than diminish international tensions. Our nation is now finding itself in the position described by Jeremiah, for there is no escape from the evils which are the direct results of the course our leaders elected to follow by past actions, in which the people acquiesced by their failure to demand a return to national righteousness:

"We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" (Jer. 8: 15.)

The pressure of increased conflict is upon us until as a

nation we turn to God with all our hearts so that He may come and save us. Meanwhile, we must face the raging elements of cyclone and atomic storm unleashed by the frenzied activities of the powers of darkness in the dark hours of the night that lie before us.

But although the immediate outlook is obscured by the almost impenetrable gloom of confusion and turmoil, there is hope even during this time of darkness, for we can look forward with confidence to the coming dawn of a new and glorious day when, according to Malachi, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings (Mal. 4: 2). Then a new order of the ages will be inaugurated and the troubles and sorrows of the past will no longer be brought to mind.

Distribution of Poverty

GOVERNMENT economists are advising businessmen that they need have no economic qualms for the year 1953.

The reason given is that defense spending is to continue to rise during the next twelve months, while state and local governments will also increase their programs of spending. All of these things, we are told, are going to make for high business activity.

What is actually an unhealthy condition for continued over-all prosperity, with high taxes resulting from increased government spending for armaments and state and local government requirements, is lauded by government experts as evidence of economic soundness. Actually noth-

ing is further from the truth.

Government financing must come from the earnings of all the people in the form of taxes or in mortgaging the future earnings of the people. The increase in spending for armaments alone is placing an extremely heavy burden upon the civilian economy. While it is necessary, due to the present unsettled conditions throughout the world, to prepare for war, it ought to be self-evident that this kind of industrial activity does not add to the wealth of the nation. It demolishes wealth, for the building of weapons of destruction depletes the assets of a nation and, if continued in increasing volume for a long enough time, would bankrupt the people.

While it is admitted that government spending will accelerate, it is also recognized by these same government experts that private investments will decline by at least four billion dollars in the next twelve months. Yet they declare that, because government spending will expand the flow of money, the situation is essentially healthy.

The fact they continue to ignore is that money in itself is not wealth and no amount of money in circulation will take the place of real wealth which is represented by the things men can use, the food he eats, the clothing he wears, and his shelter and other material possessions. An increase in the circulation of money can so inflate the cost of such wealth that it is beyond the reach of men to acquire the possessions they desire and the expenditure of labor to produce only weapons of destruction simply places more money in circulation without providing a corresponding increase in purchasable wealth. The end of such a road is national bankruptcy.

To all this must be added the mounting burden caused by demands placed upon government by the trend toward the welfare state. In the *New England Letter* for October 31, 1952, reference was made to the pre-election campaign I a s P c N w w

slogan "Don't let them take it away," which was coupled with the less grammatical phrase, "You never had it so good." Then the statement:

"The inflationary policy of the Government has degenerated into a plundering device to chip away real values of savings deposits, life insurance policies, annuities, and all other means that individuals have taken to protect themselves against the hazards of life. This in turn has impelled an increasing proportion of the people to seek aid of some kind or another from the Government.

"A large portion of the American people have been hood-winked by hypnotic slogans into believing that by some magic power the Government can provide something for nothing, or that the wealthy will pay the bills. This is a cruel hoax, as can be shown by computations based upon Treasury figures. If net income after taxes of all persons receiving \$5,000 and over a year were confiscated, the amount would be sufficient to pay current running expenses of the Federal Government for less than six months. It stands to reason, therefore, that, as our tax burden expands, those in the lower income groups will not only have to spend an increasing number of days working for the Government, but also will be forced to bear the bulk of additional taxes.

"The shift of the tax burden to the lower income groups has already gone a long way in Great Britain. In that country, the proportion of total personal income taxes contributed by those in the income group below £1,000 increased from 20 per cent in 1938 to over 40 per cent in 1949, and is headed upward. The cold facts are that welfare states are finally forced to 'soak the poor.' Historical evidence clearly shows that when a nation embarks upon programs that involve the leveling down of income toward an equalitarian basis, the end result is the destruction of wealth and the distribution of poverty."

Along with the growth of the welfare state and the fact that the nations have now turned from an economy of peace to that of war, the handwriting on the wall is clear as it warns of coming economic collapse. Behind the canvas on which the so-called government economic experts are painting their imaginary scenes of abundance and prosperity the land of reality lies barren and desolate for lack of the refreshing waters of ambition and free enterprise, the potentialities for providing an abundant life.

Striking Parallels A fact generally unrecognized is that the recorded history given in the Bible is repeated in the history of the descendants of God's people. Jeremiah refers to the fact that in these latter days the descendants of Jacob, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, would experience a time of trouble which he likened to the difficulties Jacob himself endured during a part of his lifetime. The prophet refers to the events of the Great and Terrible Day that would bring the present age to its close, and then he states:

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." (Jer. 30: 7.)

In the article, "Jezebel Lives Again," Destiny for August 1952, the parallels between the reign of Ahab and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, as well as the wife of Ahab and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, were shown. Following Ahab's death his wife became very prominent in the affairs of state and Mrs. Roosevelt became prominent in state affairs, particularly in the United Nations, following the death of her husband. A question was asked at the close of the above-mentioned article as to whether the parallels would continue. The concluding sentence was: "A military leader came to power in ancient

Israel who brought the influence of Baalism to an abrupt end and under his rule many changes in government were instituted."

With this thought in mind the editorial, "Breaker of Iron," appeared in Destiny for November 1952 (p. 366) and referred to the role Jehu, as a general in the army of ancient Israel, played politically. Since the publication of this editorial General Dwight Eisenhower has become President-elect of the United States of America. Because of these parallels, it might be of interest to take note of some of the important developments in the life of Jehu before and after he came to political power in Israel.

Jehu, a General in Israel's military forces, was not seeking political office; the office sought him. Called to become the leader in Israel, he inherited a deteriorating military situation, made so by the maladministration of his predecessors. The wife of Ahab denounced Jehu for turning against those who had made possible his rise to the rank of General in the army. When Jehu became ruler in Israel it signaled the end of the influence and the career of Jezebel, as well as of those whom she had sponsored.

The parallels are indeed striking. It is quite clear that General Eisenhower has inherited a critical situation in Korea and elsewhere. Just as Jehu's coming to power brought to an end the rule of those sponsored by Jezebel, so the election of General Eisenhower will bring to an end the Roosevelt-Truman administration. The Truman administration was sponsored by the Americans For Democratic Action, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is a member as well as one of its founders.

Jehu moved against the influence of Baalism, which had become thoroughly entrenched in government under Ahab and Jezebel, just as Communism today infiltrated important government positions in Washington under the Roosevelt administration, aided and abetted by Eleanor Roosevelt and protected and encouraged by President Truman. Jehu entrapped and destroyed the leaders of Baalism in a political move that rendered it impossible for the adherents of the former regime to regain power. Thus, his moral purge was colored by political intrigue designed to insure his own continuance in power.

We can only watch developments as the pattern unfolds before us. Coming events will no doubt emphasize these striking parallels between the coming to power of Jehu in ancient Israel and the election of General Eisenhower as President at the beginning of the Fourth Watch of the night, November 5, 1952.

Except the IN THE Saturday Evening Post for October 25, 1952 the story of the hydrogen bomb is told. After discussing what would follow the detonation of a hydrogen bomb and the radioactive effects of Carbon-14, which can last for thousands of years, attention was called to the following fact:

"If one war's quota of hydrogen bombs did not add enough Carbon-14 to the atmosphere to cause universal sterility, the next war's quota might, thus terribly fulfilling the Biblical threat to 'visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.'

"The fact is that even the most brilliant scientists do not really know how many hydrogen bombs, and how powerful, might have this result. The scientists, in fact, do not really know what may yet be found in the Pandora's box so imprudently opened when the first atomic bomb was made. But they suspect uneasily that, after the hydrogen bomb, more is yet to come."

In the same article the question is asked:

"Will the scientists, digging deeper and more imprudently into the locked-up secrets of nature, find ways to end life on earth, so that this small planet returns to the empty lifelessness from which it came?"

From our knowledge of the Scriptures and the messages of the prophets, the answer to this question is in the affirmative, for unless God intervenes to save man from the folly of destroying himself, the outlook is disquieting to the extreme. In "Release of Atomic Energy," *Documentary Studies*, Volume I,* originally published in Destiny for October 1945, the following question was asked:

"Did men in former times possess the secret; is unlocking the power contained in the atom a rediscovery? If Solomon's statement is correct (Ecc. 1: 9-11), then this knowledge must have been known in ancient times. Do we have evidence that some such force was possessed by men in the remote past? Yes, and evidence not only of its existence, but that in its wrongful use a pre-Adamic world was completely destroyed. It may also have been a major factor of destruction when in the days of Peleg (Gen. 10: 25) a whole continent disappeared beneath the waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

"The apprehension of some scientists that the uncontrolled use of the destructive characteristics contained in the atomic bomb could cause a chain of explosions that would destroy the world is not without foundation in fact, if the record of the past is reliable.

"Ancient civilizations did exist which had attained a high degree of development. Fragmentary evidence indicates that one such civilization destroyed itself by setting in motion forces which brought desolation and chaos upon the earth in pre-Adamic times.

"There is every evidence that a force of tremendous power was loosed in a pre-Adamic period and its energy was not spent until the earth became 'void and without form.' Could that force have been the energy locked in the atom? Is modern civilization today going to repeat the mistake of that ancient world, or will God intervene to save us from such destruction?" (Pages 222-3.)

From all known information behind the present race between the East and the West to perfect atomic and hydrogen bombs, it may be concluded that humanity is bent on following a course that will most certainly repeat the mistakes of that earlier time. The end of the present road will be the annihilation of life upon this globe. This is the cold fact facing men today and it has resulted in a vague, unexpressed apprehension concerning the future on the part of those who are aware of the terrible nature of the forces with which man is now playing. Humanly speaking there is no way of escape, for, thanks to the traitors within the United States and Great Britain, the tyrannical leaders of Soviet Russia have acquired the know-how for making both atomic and hydrogen bombs. It would be too much to expect that the criminallyinclined would give up the means by which society can be terrorized into subservience, even though they too are aware of the possibility of self-destruction.

The time is here of which Jesus was speaking when He referred to annihilation facing the human race, which would become inevitable except for Divine intervention. He declared that as a result of the dread and apprehension,

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men's hearts would fail them for fear of what was coming upon the earth for, as He expressed it:

"The powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21: 26.) As pointed out in *Documentary Studies*, Volume I:

"The meaning of the expression, 'the powers of heaven shall be shaken,' is worthy of study. The atom is a universe in miniature, with its own central sun, planets and heaven. In the splitting of the atom literally the power (Greek word translated power is Dunamis), meaning the violence or strength of heaven, is shaken. The Greek word Saleuō is translated shaken and means agitated, tossed or stirred up as by an earthquake or cyclone." (Page 227.)

Thus, the detonation of an atomic or hydrogen bomb is in fact and in deed the shaking of the powers of heaven. Where, then, in view of all this is there any hope for the human race as it moves toward such a day of destruction? That hope is to be found in the words of Jesus, for after speaking of a time of great trouble and tribulation such as there never had been before, He said:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." (Matt. 24: 22.)

This is a definite statement confirming the worst fears of the scientists that men are preparing for the day of self-extermination. But in the very same sentence He also maintains that we are not left without hope, for Divine intervention through the "shortening of those days" is to intercept what would otherwise be inevitable. He said:

"But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24: 22.)

In the light of this statement it is most significant that, following the announcement by Luke of the shaking of the powers of heaven, the promise is made of the imminence of the coming of the Lord:

"And then [i.e., when the powers of heaven would be shaken] shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21: 27.)

There is no alternative, for it is either to be the soon coming of the Son of man in power and great glory or the annihilation of the human race in great destruction caused by the shaking of the powers of heaven. The message to those who are looking for His coming is:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption [or loosing away] draweth nigh." (Luke 21: 28.)

These things are even now coming to pass, so this admonition is germane for all who are now looking for His appearing.

Translations

IT TAKES TIME to check a new translation of the Bible and the New Revised Standard Version is no exception.

While some of the renderings in English are excellent, providing a clear understanding of the original text and its context, others are not so valuable through the failure to preserve the spirit of the original. We have in mind the translation of Isaiah 7: 14, which reads as follows in the King James Version:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The new version substitutes the words "a young woman" for virgin, yet in the margin states, "or virgin." In the New Testament, where reference is made to Isaiah 7: 14, the word is rendered, "virgin." Why did the translators

change Isaiah 7: 14? Was it to make this passage more acceptable to modernists?

Perhaps the most quoted verse in the New Testament is John 3: 16, which reads as follows in the King James version:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The New Revised Standard Version leaves out the word "begotten." The Greek word translated "begotten" is monogenes and it means "only-born" or "chief." This is the description applicable to Jesus Christ and to no other. Turning to the Emphatic Diaglott by Wilson, we find that the literal rendering of this passage is as follows:

"Thus for loved the God the world, so that the son of himself the only-begotten he gave, that every one who believing into him, not may be destroyed, but may have life age-lasting.

By the use of different translations and the comparison of texts, one is often able to arrive at a much clearer understanding of the message of the Bible. But there are certain fundamental Scriptural facts which must of necessity remain constant if the story the Bible tells is to be consistent. The translators of the New Revised Standard Version have failed in the rendering of the above passages to adhere to this fundamental principle and have used words that introduce shades of meaning not in accord with the story as told by the prophets and apostles.

Girding for War Is Soviet Russia making ready for full scale war in the near future? Stalin is well aware that World War III has already started and that it is only a matter of time when the early skirmishes in this conflict will enlarge into all-out military operations affecting many parts of the globe. The list of the new members of the Russian Communist party's Central Committee reveals that the military is now in control. In his news column of November 5, 1952, Victor Riesel

"An analysis of the newcomers reveals that the Soviets are positively preparing for full scale war. Power has been shifted by Josef Stalin from the industrial and political Communists to the military, which now controls the party as a result of the recent appointments.

"It is unprecedented. On the party's central committee now are nine field marshals, one of whom is the Minister of War. Also the general in charge of the Moscow City Garrison, the general commanding the Baltic sector, the deputy war minister commanding the armored and mechanized forces, the former and current heads of the Soviet Air Force, the general in charge of the Kiev command, another who controls the Far Eastern command, the chairman of the Soviet Control Commission in Germany and the chief of the Russian General Staff.

"This means that the next president of the United States will be dealing with Russia controlled by Stalin and the military, not civilians. And that could mean a new war somewhere soon."

The hour approaches when Stalin is going to be forced through circumstances beyond his control to move in accordance with the Divine edict, "I will bring thee forth" (Ez. 38: 4), in order that his plans of evil aggression may be brought into step with the timing of the outpouring of Divine wrath. Every move Stalin is making, including the selection of the members of the Communist party's Central Committee, clearly indicates that the time is rapidly approaching when the scope of the present phase of World War III will be enlarged into its global aspect.

It is quite significant that on November 5, 1952, just as the Third Watch of the night ended and the Fourth Watch began, Soviet Russia served notice that she will refuse to recognize as legal a United States naval defense zone in South Korean waters. The purpose of this sea defense zone was to prevent enemy agents from infiltrating into prisoner of war camps and to secure our lines of communication. Russia declares this move to be an act of aggression on our part and is placing upon us the full responsibility for what might follow.

Thus, the voice of the aggressor continues to be heard and a new challenge is flung out, testing the ground before he makes another forward move.

Let's Have the Answers

THERE ARE a few questions that the President-elect should answer in order that the American people may have the information which has heretofore been denied to them

on certain major issues.

For instance, why has Chiang Kai-shek's offer of troops to fight in Korea never been accepted? Pressure is being brought upon UN members to furnish more troops for the fighting in Korea, yet the offer of Chiang Kai-shek, a member in good standing in the UN, and favorable to our aims and purposes, has been refused. Why at the same time is Russia allowed to remain in good standing in the UN and exercise the right of veto without hindrance when she is directing, supplying arms and even fighting in the Far East against the UN forces?

Why, also, are we building and storing weapons of destruction which, if used in Korea, could greatly help our boys in the fight against the Red Chinese? What are we waiting for? It would seem that the President owes it to the families of the husbands and sons dying in Korea to give a satisfactory explanation as to why we are not using every means at our command to bring that war to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Why has the State and War Departments so persistently refused General James A. Van Fleet's request for more divisions of trained South Korean troops so that American divisions could be relieved of front-line fighting?

Again, is the disastrous Truman-Acheson policy of providing the Chinese Reds with a sanctuary where they are safe from attack to be continued so that they may carry on the war indefinitely, free from the molestation of their sources of supply? If so, why?

Now that a new administration is coming to office in Washington, will the secrecy that has surrounded so many of the past acts of government officials, and behind which they have been able to hide their blunders, be lifted? If not, why not?

These are only a few of the many questions to which the American people would like positive and forthright answers. The public has for a long time felt frustrated as it has watched the outgoing Executive refuse to cooperate with Congress by withholding important information from investigating committees. Will President-elect Eisenhower now bring the public into his confidence and in the interests of our national welfare remove all these hindrances? A great and lasting service will be rendered by the new administration if the wraps are now taken off the real issues so that the public may have the facts. If the new President will proceed in this direction, he will secure the confidence of the people and have their loyal support behind him as he faces the trying days ahead.

Her Days

Are Numbered

Nicklin pointed out the chronological significance of November 1, 1950 when the new Papal Dogma was promulgated. August of 1952 was shown to be an important month in the unfolding pattern of events as they would

affect the Papacy.

In a recent letter from Mr. Nicklin is a quotation taken from a letter written to him by Rev. J. V. Hammond in which attention is called to further significant time periods associated with the Papacy. He writes:

"2 x 286 days separated November 1, 1950 (New Papal Dogma) from May 26–27, 1952, when the 35th World Roman Catholic Congress opened. Rome boasted about the colossal crowd of worshippers before the largest altar ever erected! Then, on August 20, last, just one year before August 20, 1953 (the latter date being 2,000 years after Caesar founded the Roman Empire in August, B.C. 48), there was a big Roman Catholic Rally in Berlin, when thousands of East Germans crowded into West Berlin to attend it."

What do these and other indications of an accelerating ecclesiastical program presage? The unfolding pattern, as revealed by the activities of the Papacy, merits close watching.

Ominous Outlook THE PRICE the United States of America is paying for membership in the United Nations is far more than the billions of dollars we are spending to support this organization and its members. The monetary expenditures are nothing in comparison to the price we are paying in the blood of our young manhood on Korean battlefields, all for the dubious privilege of following UN directives in the conduct of the war. Meantime, our UN allies are forbidding us to take the necessary steps that could assure an early victory to our armed forces. Never before in our history have we been so circumscribed when fighting an enemy. The following radio broadcast by Paul Harvey on November 2, 1952 reflects his concern as he gave it, which should be shared by everyone, for the present outlook is ominous

"They tell us we are winning in Korea, that we are proving something or other about the effectiveness of collective security. This isn't the lad on the line, understand, or his General in the field who says that. The men who have lost an eye, or an arm, or a brother, or a son don't understand about these things, but the little intellectuals with the polished fingernails say we are winning. I am reminded of King Pyrrhus who, more than 2,000 years ago, after the costly battle of Asculum, said, 'One more such victory over the Romans and we are utterly undone!'

"Americans, I have information that the American casualty count, to be announced the day after the election, will be at the staggering rate of 2,000 of our sons per week, more than twice what they have been telling us. I think it is time to find out right now what we are doing in Korea.

"First, this is how we got there. Suppose for a minute that the the end of World War II there had been a meeting in Montreal between the British and the Canadians — no Americans present. Britain would say, 'We appreciate what you have done. Now we, England, will herewith give you, Canada, control of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York.' Harvey, you've been working too hard. You know we wouldn't sit still for that. So we wouldn't, but that is exactly what the Yalta Treaty did without consulting the Chinese in turning over Manchuria to Russia. Little wonder our good friends the Chinese erupted in volcanic protest. So would we have.

"I am going to make this as brief as I can, but you wanted to know what we are doing in Korea. In 1946 we sent General Marshall to China. His mission was to force the Chinese to accept Communists in their government. General William Wilbur is a friend of mine, once political and economic advisor to George Patton. General Wilbur, in China during the Marshall mission, heard a wizened little old Chinese say, 'We do not understand why you wish to force us to accept Communists into our government unless'— his old eyes wrinkled at the corners—'unless you in America plan to take Communists into your government.' By now you know we already have.

"We gave Manchuria to Russia, lost friendly Chinese by trying to force them to accept Communists in their government and then our State Secretary publicly announced that we would not defend Korea. Now it is not a question of who got together and formulated that policy, the fact that we announced that state secret to the Russians is what invited Moscow to move in there

too. This was made war.

"In 1945 Pat Hurley, just back from China, had tried to warn us, but we listened instead to the three assistants whom he had had to fire because he questioned their loyalty. General Wedemeyer tried to warn us in 1947, but 1948 was an election year so

his report was suppressed for security reasons.

"Now, on another election eve, another American general is risking everything to try to tell us we are in a trap. General Jim Van Fleet says, 'Let us use 10 more South Korean divisions in the line. They're in apple pie order, eager to fight and relieve three American divisions.' Our State Department said, 'No!' 'Let me use six of their's and retire two of ours. Stop weakening us.' Our State Department said, 'No!' 'Let me have just four — or even two — more South Korean divisions, so that at least one division of American boys can rest awhile.' Our State Department said 'no' to that too. And, gentlemen, General Jim Van Fleet, full knowing the price generals have been made to pay, but knowing too that his own only son is now in enemy hands somewhere, together with a lot of other Americans sons, Van Fleet, through his wife, took his plea to General Eisenhower.

"The Russians have been using Asians to do their fighting for them for two years now. Chiang Kai-shek has 30,000 trained troops on Formosa, plus guerrillas trained for underground war in China itself. They have a real nation in this fight, for in China of the 460,000,000 friends we lost, 12,700,000 valliant Chinese fought for freedom until the Red invaders slit their throats. Millions who were willing to fight against Communists have been sacrificed while our leaders follow their announced policy of

'letting the dust settle.' Whose dust, gentlemen?

"But some of us will thank God tonight for the Jim Van Fleets and the other gallant soldiers who have the courage to speak up, who have seen our finest men sent marching off under a mongrel flag to die on the end of a warm bayonet on some stinking, worthless Korean hillside, while the imperfect and the imprisoned, while the leeches and the loafers and the disloyal remain behind to prosper and propagate and boast about how they never had it so good. I shall be thankful for these whose oath as a soldier they will follow at all costs to the letter, for it pledges them to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help them God.

"I shall think of these and I shall not sleep, for behind the blood-smeared headlines which tell of what they do, I will recall

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WHILE THE

BRIDEGROOM

TARRIED

THE NAME OF William Miller of Low Hampton, New York, familiarly known as "Father Miller" because of his connection with the early Advent Christian Movement in this country, is "too well known," as one of his biographers has said, "to require an extended introduction; but, while well known, few men have been more diversely regarded than he. Those who have only heard his name associated with all that is hateful in fanaticism have necessarily formed opinions respecting him anything but complimentary to his intelligence and sanity. But those who knew him better esteemed him as a man of more than ordinary mental power - a cool, sagacious and honest reasoner, an humble and devout Christian, and a man of great moral and social worth." Sprung from a Scotch Covenanter ancestry, whose descendants were honorably engaged in the several Colonial and Revolutionary struggles, the family has always been marked by its "daring contempt of danger, great love of independence, and great capa-

bility of endurance."

William Miller, the subject of this sketch, was born in Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 15, 1782, of Paulina Phelps and Captain William Miller. Four years later the family emigrated to Vermont and took up land in Low Hampton under the primitive conditions then existing, which necessitated the most careful economy to enable them to leave their farm clear of debt to their children. Although in his early childhood "marks of more than ordinary intellectual strength and activity were evidenced," their limitations forbade his parents giving him the means of education they would have desired. He was even prevented from having the necessary light at night for reading after the long tasks of the day were over, until an increasing hunger for knowledge led him to hit on the happy expedient of storing up pine knots, by whose blaze he perused again and again all the few books upon which he could lay his hand. This, with three months' schooling in the winters, constituted his education from

Ed. Note: Perhaps no individual has been more ridiculed than William Miller, who proclaimed that the coming of the Lord was near over a century ago. Not only did the world at large scoff, but the church turned against him and the Baptist denomination, of which he was a member for over thirty years, removed his name from its roll. However, in the providence of God, William Miller was selected as a witness to give the very testimony he proclaimed during the years of his ministry. The following sketch by Grace Mabel Bosworth, his grandniece, has preserved many interesting and revealing details of William Miller's life. Professor C. A. L. Totten wrote of him, "It was on chronological grounds alone that William Miller took his lamp and, with his followers, went out to meet the Bridegroom. It is true they were disappointed, and because the Bridegroom tarried, they fell asleep. But we now see that they might have anticipated His delay, for it is clearly implied in the parable itself!" (Matt. 25: 1-13.)

Although he was an apparent failure in the sight of men, yet William Miller accomplished a definite purpose in the Divine plan; that is, the announcement of the beginning of the "Tarrying Period." This is borne out by the fact that, aroused from a state of coma at the end of his life, he made the important announcement just before he died that his followers had entered a period of tarrying and he called upon them to patiently await the coming of the Lord.

As the years advanced, circumstances improved so that, with the most indefatigable toil, when young manhood was reached he was acknowledged to have outstripped all his acquaintances and even his teachers.

After his marriage in 1803 to Miss Smith of Poultney, he moved to that place, where he was appointed sheriff in 1809 and later Justice of the Peace. At that time a lawyer of the opposite political party once said Mr. Miller was the only honest Democrat he

The avenues to wealth and honor were now wide open, but, influenced by ancestral traditions and a profound interest in the study of human nature, he relinquished these prospects for his country and joined the army. A sergeant in the militia previous to his marriage, he was promoted to be a lieutenant in 1810, and in 1812, immediately following the declaration of war, became captain of a company of state volunteers which was ordered to Burlington, Vermont, where he was transferred from the volunteers to the regular army of the United States. Perhaps it will be unnecessary to detail, through the events of that campaign, the privations and successes of his life as a soldier except to say that he acquitted himself in a difficult command with such efficiency as to win the love and respect both of his soldiers and brother officers; and was honorably discharged in 1815, after having been used as a recruiting officer a number of times, and later engaged in several skirmishes and the Battle of Plattsburgh.

At this time, and for some years prior, he was an avowed deist, but, as he says, "Before the close of this period I began to suspect that deism tended to a belief in annihilation, which was always very abhorrent to my feelings." This, under the influence of the Spirit and the prayers of godly friends, gradually brought him into an agony of soul which terminated in a characteristic

When the minister in his native place was absent, the deacons were in the habit of reading essays and William, not being edified by their manner of reading, stayed away. His mother remonstrated with him and he replied that, if they would let him read, he would stay. So henceforth, though a professed deist, he became their reader until 1816, during which

year such intense conviction settled upon him that he could not shake it off. While reading one of the customary discourses, he was overpowered with an inward struggle of emotion, with which the entire congregation sympathized, and took his seat.

"Soon after," he said, "the character of a Saviour was vividly impressed on my mind, and I longed to accept Him, but felt that to do so without proof would be visionary in the extreme. I saw that the Bible did reveal just such a Saviour as I needed, and was constrained to admit that the Scriptures must be a revelation from God because of the unlikelihood of an uninspired book so perfectly meeting the needs of a fallen world." Immediately he erected a family altar and publicly professed his faith.

This brought upon him the taunts of his former friends with entertaining a "blind faith in the Bible." Mr. Miller felt such taunts in their full force but, reflecting that, if the Bible is inspired, it must be consistent with itself, all its parts must harmonize, must have been given for man's instruction and consequently adapted to his understanding, he replied, "Give me time and I will harmonize all those apparent contradictions to my

still."

He then laid aside all commentaries, and using the marginal references and his Concordance as his only helps, he devoted himself to a prayerful study of the Word, and to a thorough comparison of Scripture with Scripture. Early he laid down for himself several rules, the most important being:

own satisfaction, or I will be a deist

1) Nothing revealed can or will be hid from those who ask in faith.

2) If an expression makes good sense to be taken literally, it must always be that; otherwise, figurative.

3) To learn the meaning of a figure (symbol), trace it through the Bible and when you find the explanation, substitute it for the figure (symbol) and, if it makes good sense, you need not look further; if not, look again.

4) Parables must be explained in the same way as figures (symbols), by

the subject and the Bible.

This study, entered into as it was with no preconceived opinions, not only satisfied him through fulfilled prophecies that the Bible was a revelation of God, but also led him to take the stand that, if those past are any criterion by which to judge of the fulfillment of those future, then the advent of Christ would be personal, premillennial and a continually-ex-

pected event.

The next thing that attracted his attention was the chronology of the Scriptures. As he says, "I noticed various chronological periods extending to the coming of the Saviour. I found that predicted events which had been fulfilled in the past often occurred within a given time - as the times of Noah; the sojourn of Abraham's seed in Egypt (Gen. 15: 13); the seven years of Pharoah (Gen. 41: 12-20); forty years in the wilderness (Num. 14: 34) and the seven weeks, three score and two weeks, and one week determined upon the Nation of the Jews (Dan. 9: 24-27.) This led him to notice the Seven Times (2520 years) continuance of the dispersion of God's people, the 2300 and 1335 days; and other prophetic periods, and he says: "I could not but regard them as 'the times before appointed' which God had revealed and that I had no right to pass over them."

So, step by step, using the best chronology then obtainable, by assigning the commencement of the Seven Times to Manasseh's captivity, the 2300 days to the beginning of the seventy weeks, and the 1335 days to about 508 A.D. as the date of the setting up of the Papal abominations, he arrived in 1818 at his famous date of 1843 as the fulfillment of all prophecies. The result astounded him and, to use his own words, "I could hardly credit my senses." At this time he wrote out twenty "Articles of Faith" for the benefit of his friends and began to "wait and watch and pray for my

Saviour's coming."

For the next 12 or 14 years his life differed very little in incident from other good men, except that, as he says, "during this time more objections occurred to my mind than have ever been advanced by my opponents since," and he devoted all his spare time to Bible study. At last the duty of presenting these truths came home to him with such force that he began speaking of them to ministers and lay friends, but was surprised to find very few to listen with any interest.

Meanwhile, in his words, "When I was about my business, there was continually ringing in my ears, 'Go tell the world of their danger,' and Ezekiel 33: 7-9 was constantly occurring to me." He referred to the following verses as personally applicable:

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

He said further, "I tried to excuse myself to the Lord, but could get no relief." He struggled on in this way nine years more, until he was fifty, and it seemed impossible for him to successfully present it in a public manner. But one Saturday after breakfast, sitting down at his desk to examine some point, the words came home to him with more force than ever: "Go and tell it to the world." Upon his making the usual excuses. such distress settled upon him that. like many another child of God before and since then, he resolved to settle it by a test. He agreed to go if ever he should receive an invitation to speak publicly in any place, rejoicing that he probably would not be thus called upon as he had never received such an invitation.

But in about a half hour there came a summons to a town 16 miles away to speak on prophecy the next day in their church. He was instantly angry to think that he should have made such a test and flatly rebelled, retiring to a little grove back of his home, where such a scene occurred as was never afterward repeated in William Miller's life, for it was there that he became "God's man."

The next day, in August 1831, he delivered his first lecture on the Second Advent to a full house, and, returning home, found a letter from Poultney, requesting him to lecture there. They had not previously known of his first call. From that time on, invitations literally poured in upon him from all over the country - villages, towns, large cities alike, with not more than half of which he was able to comply, until, as one paper said, "The name of Miller became a household word throughout the land."

Up to March 1844, he had delivered 3200 lectures and seen more than 6000 souls born into the Kingdom as the

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Month by Month

N THE TWO previous articles in this series we have referred to the unveiling of the Anglo-Saxon race as the Israel of God, an event which St. Paul declares will be for the world nothing less than life from the dead. The repetition of this Scriptural slogan: "life from the dead," has been deliberate. It is an affirmation of faith and declaration of Divine assurance we shall need to keep in mind as, collectively as well as individually, we face

the threat of annihilation by the atom bomb.

Both United States and British Defense Chiefs are acting on the assumption that, in a future conflict or conflagration, the atom bomb will be used by the enemy as well as by ourselves. In the recent Air Exercises (Operation Ardent) held over Britain, in which over 1,000 aircraft took part in a test of Jet Age Air Defenses, Service Chiefs were shocked at the number of high-altitude Atom Raiders which reached their targets in spite of interception. Meanwhile, reports come in of underground launching sites being completed by the Soviet in Baltic Islands for the bombardment of Britain with radar-guided V2 rockets, while from the opposite side of the Globe, Soviet Russia moves up wings of TU4 long-range bombers to Kamchatka, from which peninsula the Soviet boast that they can "pound the heart out of America," across the Bering Strait.

Move is being met by countermove. And the millions of dollars being poured into the ever-alert air base at Thule, on the Greenland ice-cap, is not only to guard the northern gateway into the American Continent, but also for U.S. counterattack on Soviet targets from Moscow to Vladivostok. It is not generally realized that the quickest route along which Russia could send longrange bombers for a knockout blow to Canada and the U. S. is via the North Pole, but such is the strategic position of "the land of the North." As Noel Clark in a Daily Mail special article puts it:

"In the event of war between the two (America and Russia) domination of the Arctic Wastes is likely to be a primary objective on both sides."

Meanwhile, General Vandenburg, U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff, has repeatedly stressed the fact that the whole of the North American Continent is open to attack which, paradoxically as it may seem, might well explain the speech by Stalin at the 19th Congress of the Communist Party in Moscow (October 1952) in which he claimed that Russia had no intention of attacking Europe. For should "an evil thought" come into the mind of the Kremlin rulers to attack America "at the same time" (See Ezekiel 38: 10) as they make their drive to the Middle East, then there would be no need to "attack" Europe, for, deprived of the full weight of American aid, the occupation of Europe would be a walkover.

As a counterblast to Stalin's foxy false assurances we have had General Franco saying that war is imminent and would mean the eclipse of civilization; ex-King Farouk declaring that people "talk about the next war but it has started already"; and Winston Churchill saying another war is unlikely because nothing so terrible as it is

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likely to be has ever happened before. Such is a cross section of the babel of tongues which has been let loose on a long-suffering world during the past two months, culminating in the news that, as a result of the Monte Bello explosion in Australia, the British Commonwealth

emerges as an Atomic-World Great Power.

To trust in God but keep your powder dry is sound adivce when living in a world where wickedness abounds. But it is fatally easy to remember the last part of the injunction and ignore the first. If we trust in the strength of arms so that we trust in armaments instead of trusting in God, we do so at our peril. It is vital to preserve a balanced judgment in these things, as it is written:

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." (Jer. 17: 5.)

And again:

"Woe to them that . . . stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!" (Isa. 31: 1.)

Tanks and aircraft — and in due succession the atomic weapons of an atomic age - are the modern equivalents of the "chariots" and "horsemen" of ancient times. But the spiritual principle behind these solemn injunctions remains the same. We must not fail to trust in the Lord. Indeed, if as a people we fully trusted in the Lord, we could ally ourselves with Divine power, which is infinitely more penetrating than any manifestation of cosmic force, which is what atomic energy really is.

A Blast of Fire

In a technical report on the release of atomic energy by binary fission, issued by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research in Britain, the sequence of this process is described as follows: 1) As the nucleus splits, a fragment shoots out at 9,000 miles per second; 2) the air expands, becoming instantaneously incandescent; 3) the incandescent air rushes back again, causing overwhelming blast equivalent to total annihilation.

So much for the sober findings of modern science. It is astonishing, therefore, to discover in the Apocrypha the record of a dream by Esdras, in which he describes a phenomenon which is almost an exact parallel to the

above description.

Thus, while the modern scientist speaks of "overwhelming blast," Esdras speaks of a "blast of fire"; the scientist speaks of "incandescent air," while Esdras speaks of "flaming breath"; whereas the scientist talks of "a fragment shooting out at 9,000 miles per second," Esdras speaks of "sparks and tempests." The vision is recorded in II Esdras 13: 9-11:

"And lo, as he saw the violence of the multitude that came, he neither lifted up his hand, nor held sword, nor any instrument of war: but only I saw that he sent out of his mouth as it had

been a blast of fire, and out of his lips a flaming breath, and out

of his tongue he cast out sparks and tempests.

"And they were all mixed together; the blast of fire, the flaming breath, and the great tempest; and fell with violence upon the multitude which was prepared to fight, and burned them up every one, so that upon a sudden of an innumerable multitude nothing was to be perceived, but only dust and smell of smoke: when I saw this I was afraid."

It is not without significance that Esdras describes the three elements as being initially "all mixed together" (verse 11), or bound together, just as the forces in an atom are bound or mixed until they are disintegrated. The last few words of this vision are so vivid in their similarity to eyewitness descriptions of an atomic explosion that they might have been written today instead of 2,000 years ago (i.e., Circa B.C. 635-445.).

A Blast of Wind

Indeed, the more the detail is studied, the more impressed one is by the parallel indications. Continuing from verse 27, we find a slight variation in terminology, which, however, serves to amplify the description preceding it:

"And whereas thou sawest, that out of his mouth there came as a blast of wind, and fire, and storm; and that he held neither sword, nor any instrument of war, but that the rushing in of him destroyed the whole multitude that came to subdue him; this is the interpretation. . . ." (II Esdras 13: 27-28.)

That there should exist parallels between a manifestation of Divine power and that of cosmic energy is to be expected, but as we proceed we also discover a fundamental divergence in their respective modes of operation. It is striking to observe that the sequence given by the Angel (verse 27) — wind, fire and storm — confirms that given by Esdras himself (verse 10) — blast, flame and tempest — whereas modern science describes a sequence similar but in reverse order, thus: 1) tempest, 2) fire, 3) blast.

It is significant that while the Apocrypha describes Divine power as "rushing in," scientists speak of atomic energy as "rushing out," which confirms the fact that centripetal force is creative in contrast to centrifugal force which is disintegrating. We must take particular note of the fact that the Son of God is seen in this remarkable vision to oppose the "violence of the multitude," yet neither lifts his hand nor holds any instrument of war.

Now the atomic bomb is an instrument of war. It is an instrument which can be used by wicked men as well as good, whereas Divine power can be manifested by God alone. This explains the fact that, although the vision records an astounding parallel between the two manifestations, fundamentally they are not the same. Atomic energy operates in a reverse order to Divine power, being in inverse relation to that of which it is an imitation. Few analogies are perfect. But there is something analogous in the way an image in a mirror reflects the object it reflects in reverse.

Wicked Inventions Rebuked

We now resume consideration of the interpretation of the vision, as given by the Angel:

"This is the interpretation: Behold, the days come, when the most High will begin to deliver them that are upon the earth. And he shall come to the astonishment of them that dwell on the earth. . . . And this my Son shall rebuke the wicked in-

ventions of those nations, which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempest; and shall lay before them their evil thoughts, and the torments wherewith they shall begin to be tormented, which are like unto a flame: and he shall destroy them without labour by the law which is like unto fire.

"And whereas thou sawest that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him; Those are the ten tribes. . . . Now when he destroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he shall defend his people that remain. And then shall he shew them great wonders." (II-Esdras 13: 28-50.)

There is not space enough in an article to quote in full and students are advised to read the complete narrative for themselves. At a time, however, when so many thousands are feeling that the atom bomb — with its threat of mass incineration — is a culminating horror which makes life on earth no longer worth living, it is something to know that its advent is one of the many signs that we are now living in the prophesied days of Divine deliverance. Esdras is emphatic in identifying the Peaceable Multitude as the Israel people, and he indicates that the time of their return or restoration coincides with the time of the second coming of our Lord.

There is immense significance concealed in the words: "He shall destroy them without labour by the law which is like unto fire." Something here is indicated which is like fire yet is not fire. By turning to the Wisdom of Solomon (chapter 17 of the Apocrypha), we discover what this law is. It is the same law, or Divine power, which was set into operation at the time of the deliverance of the

Israel people from bondage in Egypt.

In this chapter a vivid description is given of the Plague of Darkness in the land of Egypt, on which occasion it is said that "there appeared unto them a fire kindled of itself very dreadful": so that "they died of fear, denying that they saw the air, which could of no side be avoided." The whole description confirms that of Esdras relating to "the law like unto fire" which destroys without labor.

Indeed, it is clear that this self-kindling fire, which is like fire but is not fire, is the same manifestation of Divine power which Moses witnessed for the first time at Horeb,

as it is written:

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." (Ex. 3: 2-3.)

From an investigation into these facts and happenings it is evident that the appearance of the Angel of the Lord is dreadful only to those whose hearts are evil. It was a similar manifestation of the Angel of the Lord which destroyed the army of Sennacherib. In all such instances where death has occurred it appears to have been through fear, with the consequent cessation of respiration, entirely contrary to atomic energy which causes death through the instantaneous disintegration of the human form.

Chapter 18 of the Wisdom of Solomon gives a further dramatic description of the Divine power and its operation in highly symbolic language, as follows:

"For while all things were in quiet silence, and that night was in the midst of her swift course, thine Almighty word leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne, as a fierce man of war into the midst of a land of destruction, and brought thine unfeigned commandment as a sharp sword, and standing up

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The Task of Statesmanship

NE OF THE great truths of all time was spoken when William Ewart Gladstone said, "The task of statesmanship is to discover where God Almighty is going during the next fifty years."

Mr. Gladstone died in 1898, after giving his country more than sixty years of distinguished service. Fifty years from the time of his death would bring us to 1948. It is interesting to contemplate how different conditions would be in the Western world today if all the statesmen in Britain and the United States this past half century had applied Gladstone's test to their task of statesmanship.

We shall turn to the Bible for some notable examples of statesmen who made it their business to discover the direction God is going. Do some protest that the Bible is a religious book and that its great men were not statesmen but religious leaders? Well, let us see what the Bible has to say on this

In Genesis 41, we find a fascinating story about Pharaoh's two dreams and Joseph's interpretation of them. After explaining to Pharaoh that his dreams presaged the coming of seven years of great plenty throughout all Egypt, to be followed by seven years of famine which would utterly consume the land, Joseph advised the king as follows:

"Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. . . . And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine." (Gen. 41: 33–36.)

The king was favorably impressed and said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" Then with rare good judgment, seldom exercised in Washington, D. C., these days, Pharoah said to Joseph:

"Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. . . . See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt." (Gen. 41: 39-41.)

In this manner Joseph, "the prince among his brothers," began his task of statesmanship. Being a man "in whom the Spirit of God is," he was able to guide the Egyptians safely through the vicissitudes of many years. He knew which way God was going, though he was not a professional religious leader. His business was government. However, he applied spiritual understanding to the task of statesmanship to the end that God's will might be done in the nation.

This story is significant in relation to the English-speaking House of Joseph. With remarkable foresight and skill, Joseph conserved Egypt's resources; our politicians waste our national resources with a reckless abandon unprecedented in history. Joseph prepared Egypt to withstand seven years of famine; our top leaders talk incessantly about the danger of price inflation and economic collapse, and then prepare to meet it with debt inflation and bankruptcy. By spiritual insight Joseph discovered where God was going and turned his steps in the same direction. To what depths of ignominy will America and Britain be led by the ineptitude of men who completely disregard God's plan for the nations?

The statesmanship of Moses is so outstanding that he is in a class by himself. It is not necessary to review his many achievements here. It will suffice to point out that, although Moses was indeed a great spiritual leader, it was his brother Aaron who performed the priestly rites of Israelitish worship. It was in his work as a practical statesman that Moses excelled and still stands alone above his fellow men. He codified the laws of God, not only for the young Israel nation, but for the Israel nations of all generations. Jesus approved these national statutes, making them the laws of His Kingdom, and said that it was not His intention to destroy the law but to establish it.

These are the laws which should be guiding the governments of all Chris-

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tian peoples. We do not need lawmakers in the Congressional chambers of the United States or in Britain's Parliament; we need instead Spiritfilled men to apply Biblical laws and principles in the domestic and foreign affairs of our respective nations. Men are incapable of making just laws to govern their fellows; therefore, God reserved that important function for Himself, granting to man only the right to administer His laws. There will be no stability or peace in our lands until we recognize and accept this truth. Even now God is moving to compel us to choose between the adoption of His righteous laws or sinking deeper into the mire of confusion, Socialism and the control of our lives by a few dominant evil men.

When we are willing and ready to comply with God's way, we shall come immediately into the fulness of such national blessings as these:

"Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee . . . and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee." (Ex. 23: 25, 27.)

Roger Babson has made charts showing the similarity of American history to that of ancient Israel. He finds that periods of prosperity in this country are always accompanied by spiritual decline, immorality and crime, just as we read in early Israel history; and, furthermore, that emergence from financial depressions follow a revival of interest in religion, just as the restoration of national life followed Israel's repentance. He writes:

"Business depressions are caused by dissipation, dishonesty, disobedience to God's will and a general collapse of moral character. Statistics show this plainly. With equal precision they show how business depressions are cured. They are cured by moral awakening, spiritual revival and the rehabilitation of righteousness."

Thomas Jefferson was in keeping with Biblical law when he wrote the following comment on collectivism:

"To take from one, because it is thought that his own industry and that of his father has acquired too much, in order to spare others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association — the guarantee to every one of a free exercise of his industry and the fruits acquired by it." (Jefferson Cyclopedia, p. 424.)

Divine law grants to every individual the right to enjoy the fruits of his own labor.

Daniel is another of the Bible's noted statesmen. He is referred to so often as a prophet — and he was truly a prophet — that it may seem rather odd to call him a statesman. When Daniel had interpreted a dream which disturbed Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, the king fell upon his face and prostrated himself before Daniel, saying:

"Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon." (Dan. 2: 47-48.)

Some years later, when Darius was king of Babylon, we find this report concerning Daniel:

"It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm." (Dan. 6: 1–3.)

Daniel was a man of surpassing ability and distinguished himself both as statesman and prophet. On reading the Book of Jeremiah, Daniel became so concerned over the fate of Judah and Israel that he prayed an intercessory prayer in which he states the causes of their downfall. It is a striking delineation of present conditions in Christendom. We are guilty of every charge mentioned in this prayer, which reads in part as follows:

"Ah now, O Lord, the great and revered God, who keeps loving faith with those who love him and keep his commands, we have sinned, we have acted wrongfully and wickedly, we have rebelled and turned aside from thy commands and ordinances,

and we have not listened to thy servants, the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings and princes, our leaders, and all the common people. To thee, O Lord, pertains the right, but to us confusion of face, as at this day - to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as well as to all Israel, near and far, in all the lands to which thou hast driven them, because of the treason which they committed against thee. To us, O Lord, pertains confusion of face - to our kings, our princes, and our leaders, because we have sinned against thee. But to the Lord our God pertain compassion and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him, and have not listened to the voice of the Lord our God in following the laws which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel, indeed, has broken thy law, and turned aside from listening to thy voice; therefore thou hast poured out upon us the curse embodied in the oath which is written in the law of Moses, the servant of God. . . . All this disaster has come upon us, as it is written in the law of Moses; yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our offenses and gaining discernment in thy truth." (Dan. 9: 5-13, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

Yes, we have sinned — both leaders and people - in turning aside from Biblical commands and ordinances. Instead of going God's way, we have dealt treacherously with Him; we have not listened to His voice as He speaks to us through His prophets. Consequently, we are in confusion and have brought upon ourselves the penalties of the law God gave to us through Moses. The fate which overtook Jerusalem is a mere token of the disaster awaiting us, unless we discern the truth of our situation, turn from our offenses, and gain the fortitude to expose and put down the destroyers in our midst, as the Lord has commanded us to do.

In June 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill warned Britons that they were standing on a treacherous trapdoor which might drop out from under them at any time and plunge them into bankruptcy. Never before in history, he said, had a nation of fifty million people been on such a

"dizzy eminence" and yet on so shaky a foundation. He rebuked the people for spending their money on gambling and entertainment without realizing the dangers about them. Obviously the same conditions prevail in the United States. God has been very patient and longsuffering with us—but He will not hold His anger and judgment forever.

There is one profound truth which statesmen and citizens as a whole must face in order to deal wisely with the crucial problems of the present hour. It is this: Without Christ men cannot discover where God is going. In reply to Thomas' question, "Lord, how can we know the way?", Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John, in his First Epistle, makes this positive declaration:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." (I John 2: 22-23.)

The early leaders of this Republic discovered where God was going and founded a nation on the Christian faith. Our national survival depends upon our adherence to Christ and Christian principles. Ancient Egypt and Babylon fared better under the godly statesmanship of Joseph and Daniel than America and Britain are faring today under the godless "liberal" Fabian satraps and advisers who dominate Washington and London politics.

God's plan as revealed in Christ Jesus is complete and final. It is treason for men to get the idea they can improve God's method for the redemption and recovery of the world. As Joseph Parker said, "We are either loyal subjects of His or rebels in His realm." Man's hope lies in allegiance to Christ, the supreme Statesman and Sovereign over the kings of earth. For the time is approaching when He alone shall govern the nations.

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FOR SOME TIME it has been obvious to those who know Mr. Churchill intimately, and from his public speeches, that he dreads a third war. In a recent speech, he went further than he has ever done before. He said:

"Both sides know that it would begin with horrors of a kind and on a scale never dreamed of before by human beings. It would begin by both sides in Europe suffering in the very first stage exactly what they dread most. The main disaster would probably come in the first month, or even in the first week.

"The quarrel might continue for an indefinite period, but after the first month it would be a broken-backed war, in which no great armies could be moved over long distances by land. The torments which would fall in ever-increasing measure on the whole civilian population of the globe would be indescribable.

"And there is this fact also to be remembered — that governments depending upon long distance communications by land may well find that they had quite soon lost their power to dominate events."

The extraordinary gravity of the issue confronting us came out more clearly in a later part of Mr. Churchill's speech, for he added some significant words. He said: "Our policy is, by hard sacrifice and constant toil, to increase the deterrents upon an aggressor. We shall do our utmost short of going bankrupt to increase those deterrents. . . ."

The Russian leaders believe that their political and economic system makes it possible for them to lay on such gigantic war preparations throughout Europe and Asia, threatening us on every side, that the deterrents we would have to create in order to make it dangerous for them to put their machine in motion would threaten to make us bankrupt. They believe that, by that means alone, Communism could strangle the West and, eventually, march over its prostrate body, without serious—if any—retaliation.

In the false hope that the Soviet Union was a slowly evolving human experiment, with many good points in it, immense concessions were made at successive conferences. All these concessions were used by the Soviet Union for aggressive purposes.

The only reason she did not use her superiority between 1945 and 1949 was that America alone possessed the atomic bomb and that weapon, used in sufficient quantities, would have had precisely the effect that Mr. Churchill described in his recent speech, viz., governments dependent upon moving military forces over large land areas might find themselves deprived of control of those forces within a very short time.

After he had studied the first reports of the efficacy of atomic weapons, Stalin was so impressed by that argument that he considered all his superiority on land to be as nothing compared with America's special retaliatory power. It was for that reason, and that reason alone, that he did not exploit the weaknesses of Europe and the Middle East, and that whenever he thought that his provocations were going too far he immediately retreated.

He directed that Russia should devote immense resources to the creation of atomic industry and the production of atomic weapons. He never aimed at having so great a production as, let alone a greater than, the United

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States or the West generally. What he did aim at was having enough of these weapons to exploit the extreme vulnerability of the West.

It is known from many reliable sources, the conclusions of which are based upon incontrovertible facts, that Russia, so soon as she has a sufficient stockpile of atomic weapons of different kinds, intends to follow a policy based upon the assumption that possession of such weapons will neutralize anything the West may have.

In consequence, the Soviet Union and her allies will be restored to a position of superiority on land, at least equality in the air, and, the Russians reckon, superiority in submarines.

Mr. Churchill's remark about creating deterrents, "short of bankruptcy," is a statement pregnant with importance. They argue that they can continue the cold war indefinitely, whereas the West cannot do so. While there are no signs of the Russians deliberately launching what they believe would become a world war, there are many signs of their engaging in projects which, if they go a little bit further, would create conditions of tension in which a world war could very easily break out.

Mr. Churchill is perfectly right that the stronger the Atlantic nations become, the more cautious the Russians will be. On the other hand, 1952 has marked the opening of a far more critical period, because the Soviet Union is no longer anything like so afraid of atomic weapons as she was, for the simple reason that she now possesses the power of retaliation. Thus, it is more difficult now than it was to create effective deterrents. It is now necessary to create policies which deter Russia from creating local situations of tension which might lead to a trend of events which would create conditions in which a third world war could scarcely be averted.

It is in this field of action that the Atlantic nations have signally failed, the most notable example being Korea. Atlantic policy there was neither sufficiently strong to deter the Chinese and Russians from their original plan of inducing the North Koreans to march, nor sufficiently strong to deter the Chinese from intervening; nor has it been sufficiently strong to stop the Russians sending very considerable aid and personnel. On the other hand, our intervention has been just enough to create conditions of great tension, from which, at any time, other and graver events might flow.

In no field of action has Western policy been strong enough to reduce local dangers, which, if they developed, might inflame world opinion to such an extent that general war would follow. Weakness in the Middle East has encouraged dangerous forces, not deterred them. Inadequate defense preparations in Western Europe, superimposed upon bitter political divisions, have encouraged Communist infiltration and intrigue. In East Asia the indecisiveness of the three wars now being fought in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya might eventually lead to a snapping of nerves, with very grave results.

The Atlantic Powers must either show resolute firmness in every local crisis which arises, or keep out of it altogether. If intervention is necessary and desirable, it must be decisive intervention. The impression given by intervention which proves indecisive is that we are weak, vacillating and on the retreat. It is this impression which, above all other things, threatens to bring about the supreme danger of Russia's miscalculating and landing herself in a position from which she cannot extricate herself, from which World War III might develop.

World Challenge

The need for psychological warfare is all too clear. A third of the world's population is now under the domination of the most ruthless military dictatorship in modern history. Every day 233,000 babies are born. There are 170,000 deaths every 24 hours. Thus, the net daily increase in population is more than 60,000.

Some figures should make us pause to think. In the very best material conditions of our civilization, some startling facts challenge us. In America alone, 750 dollars are spent on amusement, etc., for every dollar given to Church work. Does this make common sense?

In America alone a murder is committed every 40 minutes. One million American girls are suffering from venereal disease. There are sixty suicides per day. One million illegitimate children are born annually. Fifteen million copies of sex magazines are printed monthly. There are more barmaids in America than college girls. Nor is that the end of the story: though it is enough for these pages. Apart from the moral and spiritual aspects of these figures, is this even good business at a moment when a large part of the world hovers between Marxism and freedom? Can we hope to win the war of ideas in such conditions? The challenge is clear and urgent.

The Soviet-Chinese Conference

The purpose of the Sino-Russian conference was the implementation of former agreements in the light of current developments. Both delegations were strong in foreign policy experts.

At all four meetings with Stalin, the Chinese were deeply impressed by his wide knowledge. They were also alarmed about his health. At the first meeting, he looked very well, rested and vigorous. At his second appearance, he looked tired. The third time, he looked ill and haggard. At the fourth meeting, he looked much better.

Stalin told Chou En-lai that he suffered from recurrent and very painful headaches, which it had proved impossible to cure. He said that he also had pains in the eyes from time to time. The impression of the Chinese was that he is a very sick man. All the symptoms described in this report are consistent with our information that Stalin is suffering from arterial disease.

It is perfectly true that the Chinese asked the Russians to stay in Port Arthur. The Russians were eager to withdraw and it was only at the expressed request of the Chinese that they agreed to stay.

The chances for Communism in India are considered very good, although it was Chou's opinion that it would be some time before the Communists could take control. At the same time, the Chinese insisted they were absolutely certain that, in the event of war, India would remain neutral and continue to trade with Communist countries.

There was full agreement in appreciating the situation in the Middle East and the Moslem countries. It was agreed that developments in Egypt and Persia were the first steps in the great revolution. The Communist Parties have helped the bourgeois forces to overthrow the feudal aristocracies. The next stage will be the overthrow of the bourgeois by religious fanatics.

The Mau Mau Movement

A FULL warning of coming trouble in Kenya was published by *Review of World Affairs* three years before this trouble manifested itself. The salient facts were:

"The greatest problem by far is to curb political agitation inspired from outside as a deliberate policy. Very little is known of this and still less has been written. The time has come, however, to give a preliminary report. Russia knows that Africa is vital in the economic and strategic planning of the Atlantic Powers. She is well aware that the capital which is to be invested during the next few years will go far to transform world conditions.

"She is therefore out to blow up this continent from within before its development outmatches her power to influence its affairs. There is reason to believe that certain recent political events which appeared spontaneous and disconnected were in fact the work of a single staff."

Although the trouble in Kenya is confined to the Kikuyu tribe, which is only one of some 80 different tribes in the territory, the Kikuyu have spread themselves all over the country and are trying to influence the others. In at least one district, the Local District Commissioner was anxious to take steps to compel the Kikuyu in his district to return to their own reserve. But he was not backed up by either the Provincial Commissioner or the Central Government.

The contemporary Mau Mau Movement is probably an offshoot of the Maseregu Movement, which has existed since at least 1912, and became very active about 1925. It is an organization with ramifications stretching from the Cape to North Africa.

The Mau Mau Movement's present activities are the culmination of many years of anti-British propaganda and Soviet inspiration. They have been encouraged by the restless undercurrent of left-wing sympathies in Britain as well as amongst some European settlers in Kenya. Some government officials in Kenya should be relieved of their posts, and a number of unofficial persons should be brought to book.

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Blueprint of the Divine Purpose

OTHING HAPPENS by chance, even though at times conditions seem to be chaotic and there is general confusion everywhere. In the purposes of God men and nations are moving forward toward definite goal. However, because of the inability to properly evaluate the meaning of transpiring events and their trend toward destruction, many are failing to recognize that behind all the seeming cross purposes is the guiding hand of an overruling Providence. God is using the mistakes and blunders of men to bring about the fulfillment of His plans.

Order in Chaos

To maintain that there is order in chaos appears to be paradoxical to the extreme, yet the truth of this statement may be aptly illustrated by the parallel of a clearance project where buildings are torn down and foundations uprooted to make way for new and better construction. The very first move is to turn a peaceful scene into one of noisy, dust-obscured disturbance and destruction as bulldozers and power shovels go to work and buildings are demolished. To the onlooker it is all chaotic, but to the engineers who hold the blueprints, the outward confusion is a very necessary preliminary to what is to follow.

So it is with the Divine plan. Men have for centuries been endeavoring to build a world order according to human planning. Now we have reached the place where demolition squads are actively at work destroying this superstructure of materialism, and this very fact demonstrates that the time has come when God is to reveal His Kingdom on the earth. But the ground must be cleared of all obstructions before that revelation can be made, so God, who holds the destiny of the world in His hands, is guiding the preparation of the foundation for a new and glorious structure after the demolition squads have finished their work. That there is a Divine purpose in allowing the present turmoil and strife to reach a climax at this time is very clear from a study of the messages of His prophets, for all things that hinder the revealing of His Kingdom must be cleared away. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews gives God's explanation:

"Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Heb. 12: 26-27.)

The statement that follows makes clear that all this is introductory to the fact that we are to receive "a Kingdom which cannot be moved" or shaken.

What appears to be haphazard and without design, therefore, is seemingly so only because men are unacquainted with the blueprint of the Divine purpose. While much of the chaos is the result of the course men and nations elected to pursue in the past, yet in the very selections they made, a cycle of operation began that must of necessity run its full course before the order can change.

This can be illustrated by a toboggan slide. Until one elects to step on the toboggan and start down the incline, he is not subject to its cycle of operation. But once he takes his place on that toboggan and starts down the slide, he has no alternative but to complete the course, after which he will again be free to exert his right of choice - provided that he escapes disaster in the descent! This is just as true of the selections men and nations may make, for when certain events are set in motion by the choices made, there is no alternative except to follow the course that the operation of those events has made inevitable.

Cycle of Life and Death

When Adam and Eve decided to disobey the commands of God, the result of their disobedience set in motion the cycle of life and death and the duration of its operation is the working week of millenniums (6,000 years) assigned to human probation. At the end of that period the Bible informs us that death will be swallowed up in victory, for there is to be no ultimate triumph for the grave. But during the operation of this cycle of a week of millenniums, the

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human race is as much bound to the course Adam and Eve elected to follow through disobedience as though it had taken its place on a toboggan moving swiftly down a mountainside. A change cannot be brought about until the end of the course is reached.

Economic Cycles

Because the cycle of life to death is Biblically expressed as threescore and ten years in duration, men are well aware of its operation. Businessmen are more or less acquainted with the cycles governing periods of prosperity and times of depression in business, although less informed about the reasons for such alternating periods of good and hard times. The Divine law provides for a perfect economic system that would have prevented such fluctuations, for the Law of Sabbaths, which goes far beyond the observance of one day in seven as a day of cessation and rest, requires that one year in seven and one year in seven times seven years should be observed and certain requirements obeyed in order to keep the economy in proper balance. The first is a rest for the land and a release from debt; the second is the Jubilee so that every man may return to his own possessions, for no man could be divested of an interest in the land for a longer period than the years remaining to the next Jubilee.

Cycles Govern Nations

Just as there are cycles governing the life of man and controlling periods of prosperity and depression, so, too, there are greater cycles governing the activities of nations and systems of government as well. The length of these latter cycles is measured by centuries rather than decades or less. Because no one generation of men, or even many generations of men, are able to physically comprehend the beginning and ending of these larger cycles of time, the human race has failed to recognize their significance and is often completely ignorant of their very existence.

Time of the End

The prophets of the Lord were well aware of the operation of such cycles and their prophecies conform with their requirements. We have already mentioned the working week of millenniums assigned to human probation, which is a cycle of 6,000 years, beginning with the fall of man. Today we are nearing the end of this great cycle of time, for 6,000 lunar years from Adam's fall expired in 1821 A.D., and the full 6,000 solar years will expire in 2001 A.D. The interval between these two dates is 180 years, or the "Time of the End."

A study of this period (180 years) and its relation to other time cycles of the Scriptures yields some very interesting results. For instance, Daniel informs us that at the Time of the End many will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased (Dan. 12: 4). As pointed out in *Documentary Studies*, Volume II:

"The epoch of 180 (½ of the cycle of 360) years between the lunar and solar terminal dates of 6,000 years is the transitory period during which the knowledge furnished through revelation by invention gave man power undreamed of in the past

"Up to the last century there was no practical change in man's condition. For millenniums he had been laboring by the sweat of his brow to provide for his needs. During the same years the fastest mode of travel upon land was by horse and upon the sea in sailing vessels. These conditions prevailed until the beginning of the nineteenth century. August, 1807 A.D., witnessed Robert Fulton's steamship Clermont making its voyage on the Hudson River. The first steamboat to cross the Atlantic was the Rising Sun built in England, making the transatlantic voyage in 1818 A.D. The principle of electromagnetic induction, upon which the operation of the Dynamo-electric machine is based, was discovered by Michael Faraday in 1831 A.D. Thus, 1821-2 A.D., the terminal date of 6,000 lunar years, began a period of invention which enabled men to harness the forces of nature. . . . In these closing years of the great week of 6,000 solar years, the epoch of 180 years, following the end of 6,000 lunar years, will witness events marking the end of the age and the ushering in of a new and better order in which righteousness shall prevail under the rule of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King." (Pages 57-8.*)

Already events have borne ample

witness to the accuracy of this appraisal. Although men are using much of the knowledge they have acquired during these years for purposes of destruction, the day is at hand when the knowledge gained will be put to constructive use in the building of a new order. The Biblical record shows that, because of the depravity of the men and women of an ancient civilization, the Deluge swept them away. Reading about the prevailing conditions in that earlier time, a question naturally arises. Will the misuse of the titanic powers being revealed to man in the release of atomic energy be used to sweep away the present civilization which lacks the spiritual ability to use these forces for righteousness? Noah and his family alone escaped that ancient destruction. Will only those who are fit to enter an era of righteousness escape the destruction that is destined to overwhelm the present world order?

Perfection in Government Postponed

Following the Deluge Noah established a righteous rule, but men soon rebeled against the restrictions imposed and in the course of time, with the rise of dictators, oppression and tyranny came into being. Nimrod was one of the outstanding leaders in this rebellion and under his leadership the worship of the god of force was instituted. In the midst of this subversion God called Abraham and later organized his seed into a Kingdom at Mount Sinai. To this Kingdom He gave His commandments, statutes and judgments to be administered by His people as the law of their land and thus righteousness was again established in the earth and the people who assented to obey the Lord and keep all His laws became the citizens of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. But Israel refused to continue for long as the administrators of her God-given laws, with the result that a cycle of punishment for disobedience began to operate against the people and the ultimate demonstration to all the world of perfection in government was postponed for a later time.

This failure on the part of God's people to keep their oath to administer His laws resulted in judgment being passed upon them. The duration of that judgment was designated chronologically as a cycle of Seven Times, which is 2,520 years. Both the House

of Israel (the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom) and the House of Judah (the remaining tribes of the Southern Kingdom) were carried away into captivity by Gentile powers, the House of Israel being taken into Assyria and the House of Judah being carried into Babylon about 130 years later.

Babylonian Succession of Empires

Following the captivity and deportation of the Houses of Israel and Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, rose to great power, establishing his government by force of arms in war. This was the beginning of the Gentile succession of empires which was destined to hold sway for a period of Seven Times, or 2,520 years. In other words, the Babylonian Succession of Empires was given the power to rule during the period of the chastisement of Israel and Judah. This period of 2,520 years is chronologically designated as the Times of the Gentiles and within the bounds of this great cycle there are lessor cycles governing the rise and fall of kingdoms and nations.

When we apply this cycle of 2,520 years to the Babylonian Succession of Empires, dating its beginning from the rise of Babylon to the status of a world power, the first terminal is 1914 A.D., when World War I began, precipitating the rapid disintegration of parliamentary forms of government, leading to the rise of dictators and an increase in evil aggression. This became clearly evident when, following the end of that war, dictators arose whose coming to power at the end of this cycle was destined to precede the restoration of the Kingdom of God on the earth, just as the original rise of dictators in ancient times preceded the organization of the Kingdom at Mount Sinai.

Economic Pattern

Two very important events relating to the world economy are recorded as taking place during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The first was the destruction of Tyre as a center of commercial activity and the second was the establishment of the gold standard when the image of gold was erected on the Plain of Dura.

Because of Tyre's splendid geographical situation, with an excellent harbor, Babylon, an inland city, could not hope to successfully compete with f

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it commercially. Tyre carried on an extensive maritime trade and had become the mart of the nations. The city itself was emblematical of commerce and trade in the ancient world.

In order that Babylon might become the center of world activity instead of Tyre, it was essential that Nebuchadnezzar capture Tyre and destroy its trade. This he succeeded in doing. Applying the time cycle of 2,520 years from the beginning of the seige of Tyre, and from the time of its final surrender to the armies of Babylon thirteen years later, we find that the beginning of the seige of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar synchronizes with the events leading to World War II and the fall of Tyre with the beginning of the Korean conflict in 1950 A.D., when our peacetime economy became a war economy. The year following the fall of Tyre the Babylonian military campaigns came to their end with the conquest of Egypt. 2,520 years later gives us the year 1951 A.D. The next year, following the conquest of Egypt, Nebuchadnezzar built the Image of Gold and so instituted the gold standard as the emblem of commercial activity throughout his vast empire. Gold has remained the standard of wealth from that day to this. From the year Nebuchadnezzar established the gold standard by placing the image of Gold (not a golden image) on top of a column sixty cubits high (see Study in Daniel,* chapter VII) in the year 569 B.C., 2,520 years later is 1952 A.D., or one year prior to the date set forth in the Great Pyramid (August 20, 1953) as the terminal of the Consummation of the Age.

Here we are shown the orderly process in the rise and fall of governmental systems in accordance with a Divine pattern, and that pattern in this case is set to the length of a cycle of 2,520 years which places bounds for the beginning and ending of events related to Babylon the Great. Furthermore, the terminal periods of these cycles definitely mark the generation of forty years beginning with the events of World War I as that generation of which Jesus was speaking when, in His discourse on the Mount of Olives, He told His disciples:

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." (Matt. 24: 34.)

Period of Chastisement

But what of God's people during this long period of Seven Times, or 2,520 years, of Gentile activity? Actually we find that the beginning of the period of both Israel's and Judah's time of punishment for disobedience to God's commands had corresponding terminals at the end of the cycle of 2,520 years, when the order of events was reversed.

When the House of Israel revolted from the rule of Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, in 970–969 B.C., idolatry was established by this Northern Kingdom under the leadership of Jeroboam and the golden calves were set up for the people to worship. Seven Times, or 2,520 years, later, in 1551–1552 A.D., England returned to a pure form of worship and images were removed from the churches, while the doctrine of transsubstantiation was rejected.

The power of the House of Israel was greatly reduced during the reign of Ahab and Jehu as a result of the Israel-Syrian wars of 914-853 B.C. Seven Times, or 2,520 years, later, in 1607-1668 A.D., saw the development of the Puritan Movement in England and this raising of spiritual standards led to more equitable government under responsible leadership in modern Israel, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic lands. It was the beginning of the increase of England's power and the colonization of America. God's people were moving to fulfill the predicted blessings of becoming a nation, a company of nations and a great people (Gen. 48: 19).

The half-tribe of Manasseh was carried away into Assyrian captivity by Tiglath-Pileser III in 740 B.C., in the first Assyrian invasion of Israel's land. Seven Times, or 2,520 years, later, in 1781 A.D., the Manasseh branch of modern Israel won their independence and the United States of America was born. The revival of spiritual religion and the great expansion of industry and commerce commenced at that time.

Samaria, the capital of the Northern ten-tribed Kingdom, or House of Israel, was captured by the Assyrians in 721-719 B.C. and the great captivity began when the people were taken to Assyria and placed in the cities of the Medes. Seven Times, or 2,520 years, later, in 1800-1802 A.D., Napoleon was defeated in Egypt, blocking his plans of conquest in the Middle

East, while Nelson's destruction of the French fleet in the Battle of the Nile made Napoleon's position extremely hazardous.

With the beginning of the nineteenth century a period of great expansion began for both England and the United States. The result was that the British Empire became a commonwealth of nations while the United States of America consolidated its position as the great people of prophecy. For one hundred and fifty years these two - Great Britain functioning under the terms of Ephraim's blessings and the United States under those of Manasseh* - have borne a double witness to the marvelous fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob regarding the future of their posterity.

Identity and Responsibility

When God began to pour out the material blessings of His everlasting covenant with His people in fulfillment of the promises made to our forefathers, He also called upon modern Israel to fulfill their mission and become a light to lighten the Gentiles and take His salvation to the ends of the earth (Isa. 49:6). Early in the nineteenth century the Anglo-Saxon peoples began their missionary activities and the Gospel has now been carried into all lands and the Bible translated into many languages. Then came the summons to set the prisoners free, to break every yoke and slavery was banished from the land (Isa. 49: 9).

Then, in the middle of the nineteenth century, the call went forth for God's people to "look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged" (Isa. 51: 1). This call to recognize their origin and identity was further strengthened by Isaiah's clue concerning the key to their origin, "Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you."

Throughout the Anglo-Saxon world the identity proclamation has gone out in ever-increasing volume until today hundreds of thousands are fully aware that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are the modern House of Israel. At the same time the Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached in fulfillment of Jesus' words:

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^{*} See the article, "Ephraim and Manasseh," Destiny for November 1952, pp. 377-381.

"The good news of the Kingdom, however, shall be proclaimed throughout the whole Empire, as a witness to all nations; and then the end will come." (Matt. 24: 14, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

With this increase in knowledge, God has also permitted the pressure upon His people to heighten in an effort to recall to their minds the necessity to keep the vow their forefathers made at Mount Siani when they affirmed: "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do" (Ex. 19: 8). With the ending of the Times of the Gentiles, the increase in judgment is clearly evident as the world moves from one crisis to another. This an analysis of the events since the beginning of World War I will clearly reveal.

A Major Sign

Meantime, a major sign has been given which should have aroused all Christendom to the significance of the times and seasons in which we are living. Seven Times, or 2,520 years, after the first captivity of the Southern two-tribed Kingdom, or House of Judah, in 604 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar took Daniel and his companions captive to Babylon, the city of Jerusalem was set free from Gentile rule. This was in 1917 A.D., when General Allenby of the British forces marched into the city, fulfilling Jesus' prediction:

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21: 24.)

Following this the Jews began to have national aspirations, fulfilling our Lord's statement as set forth in the Parable of the Fig Tree (the emblem of Jewry) when it began to bear leaves but had no fruit. The generation that would witness Jewry's ambition to become a nation again would not pass, so Jesus said, until all the things of which He had spoken, which would signal His Second Advent, had begun to take place.

The result of Jewry's activities, under the aggressive leadership of political Zionism, has brought the Israeli State into being in Palestine, but this is not, as so erroneously proclaimed by many, the return of true Israel to the Holy Land. Instead, it is the setting up of the Abomination That Maketh Desolate, as pointed out in Palestine: Center of World Intrigue: *

"After stating that the Gospel of the Kingdom was to be proclaimed abroad as a witness to all nations, our Lord then mentioned an event that constitutes a signal of major importance to the wise:

""When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)." (Matt. 24: 15.)

"Ferrar Fenton translates this:

"'When, therefore, you shall see the desolating beast, foretold through the prophet Daniel, take up his position on holy ground — let the reader comprehend."

"Moffatt renders it:

"'When you see the appalling Horror spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing erect in the holy place (let the reader note this)."

"Goodspeed also renders it:

"'So when you see the dreadful desecration, of which the prophet Daniel spoke, set up in the Holy Place — the reader must take note of this."

"Here is a reference to an abomination that will cause desolation so vile that it is declared prophetically it will desecrate the Holy Land when it becomes established there, or takes up its position in Palestine."

Multiplying Signs

Peace was taken from the earth with the beginning of World War I. At the same time that Jerusalem was set free from Gentile rule, the Bolsheviks came to power in Russia, the very ones destined to fulfill the role Ezekiel assigns to Gog of the land of Magog (Ezekiel 38 & 39). This is the heathen enemy now instigating World War III as Soviet Russia rallies the members of the great confederacy that is to move against God's people from the north.

With the close of World War I parliamentary forms of government passed away when dictators came to power. From among these came the three unclean spirits — Fascism, Nazism and Communism — whose purpose, according to John in Revelation, was to gather the nations for the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty (Rev. 16: 13-14).

In the meanwhile, the spiritual bankruptcy of the people was becoming more and more evident as modernism gained control in Christian churches. One fruitless gesture was the program of the Inter-Church World Movement to reorganize all Protestantism on a materialistic financial basis. This followed the close of World War I and, lacking a spiritual basis, was a complete failure. Then

came the abolition of the Mohammedan Caliphate in 1924, just 1290 years (the number of desolation) after Omar the Saracen came to power in 634 A.D. Signs of an age coming to its end were multiplying.

With the close of World War II in 1945 A.D., Fascism and Nazism were defeated and the end of the military and political might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires had come.* The course of succeeding events opened the way for the final phase of world conflict under the aggressive leadership of the third and remaining evil spirit mentioned in Revelation 16, which is Communism.

Economic Harbingers

It became evident before the close of the year 1945 that, instead of a return to an economy of peace, the cessation of hostilities had brought nothing more than a breathing spell before the beginning of an armaments race that placed preparedness for war ahead of civilian requirements. The possession of the atom bomb, with no possible means for its international control, made this inevitable.

Harbingers of the great economic debacle that will bring about the complete overthrow of the Babylonian economy at the end of 2,520 years from the setting up of the Image of Gold by Nebuchadnezzar were the Wall Street Crash in 1929 and the subsequent depression of 1931. The nations were forced to abandon the gold standard, with the resultant inflation that is causing so much economic distress in the world today.

There is another economic harbinger of more recent date which has been largely overlooked because little or no attention has been given to the economic implications of the Korean War which broke out in June of 1950. At that time, through the necessity for military preparedness, we passed from an economy of peace to an economy of war. While this postponed the day of economic reckoning, it will only make it that much more severe when it comes. That economic bankruptcy is inescapable is clear to modern financial experts and it is the inevitable disaster of which all the prophets have spoken, which is destined to come upon humanity at the end of the age.

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The Nations Are Angry

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URING THE first weeks of autumn the world slipped perceptibly deeper into the dark value of judgment. Each day brought further sharpening of tensions, new outbreaks of strife and violence, more ominous signs of disintegration within the Western alliance. The raging of the heathen, a Biblical signpost identifying the closing days of the dispensation, was swiftly becoming an uncontrollable conflagration.

In the darkening gloom, development after development underscored the futility of men's hopes for peace. The Korean truce talks collapsed. Iran broke relations with Great Britain. Unrest flared anew in Tunisia. The Communists launched a serious new offensive in Indo-China. Savage race riots swept South Africa. In Kenya, activities of Mau Mau terrorists, sworn to drive out the white man, forced Great Britain to rush in troops.

Redoubling the peril was the fatally dilatory progress of Western defensive programs. The whole NATO effort was in jeopardy as opposition within France delayed ratification of the European Army agreement. And with the Middle East nearing chaos, Western projects for the defense of this vital area were still in the planning stage.

Remarkable also was persistent public apathy and unconcern over the blackening outlook. Americans devoted themselves to a presidential campaign and seemed quite oblivious of the gathering threat to their very existence as a nation. Great Britain, drifting inexorably toward a financial debacle, continued its policy of tradeas-usual with the Soviet bloc.

The struggle for Germany proceeded both on the diplomatic front and elsewhere. The Big Three on September 23 rejected in identical notes Russia's proposal for a "dictated" German peace treaty. The Allies said Russia must agree to discuss "the organization of free elections" before anything else so that a free, all-German government could take part in the negotiation of a treaty.

Significant indeed is the fact that the Western notes were delivered precisely 286 days solar before July 10, 1953. This terminal will be 2520 days solar after the July 10, 1946 Molotov declaration of Soviet German policy which opened the tug-of-war over the future status of the defeated Reich (center of Chart I). The 286 factor signifies displacement or human error, while 2520 is the great Divinely-ordained period of trial or probation.

Premier Mossadegh of Iran on September 24 handed the United States and Great Britain a note formally rejecting the August 30 Truman-Churchill proposals for settling the oil dispute. Mossadegh demanded immediate payment by Britain of 137 million dollars as the price of any negotiations and gave the British ten days in which to reply. This was 286 days after December 13, 1951 when Egypt recalled its envoy to Britain (bottom of Chart I).

September 24 was also 666 days lunar before July 12, 1954 which closes a solar 2520-day period after the European Economic Conference opened in July 1947. Since 666 is the number of man's imperfect world order, particularly in its economic phases, it is noteworthy that the September 24 terminal found the European Consultative Assembly calling for a new world-wide international monetary conference to write a substitute for the Bretton Woods agreement.

Details of Premier Mossadegh's September 24 note were revealed in London the next day. Apart from financial demands, the Iranian leader threatened by implication to surrender his country to Communism if Britain rejected his terms.

A double desolation period of 2 x 1290 days links September 25 to September 2, 1945 when the Japanese surrender ended World War II (near top of Chart II). In addition, September 25 was 1335 days lunar after the February 17, 1949 ceremonies inaugurating the new Israeli government in Jerusalem and also 1290 days lunar after the April 3, 1949 armistice between the Jews and Trans-Jordan.

The plight of nearly 900,000 Arab refugees from Palestine, displaced following the UN-sponsored partition,

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continued to fester Arab-Jewish relations. On September 28 the United Nations agency in charge of relief measures for these refugees reported that no permanent solution to their problem was in sight. This was 286 days solar after Egypt recalled its envoy to Britain on December 13, 1951 (bottom of Chart I).

September 30 was marked for developments carrying on the pattern of Middle Eastern disintegration, it falling a "space or extent of judgment" period of 1600 days after the Israeli state was proclaimed on May 14, 1948. This chronological connotation was doubly fulfilled. In Egypt the army tightened its control over the nation's civil administration by assigning staff officers to every government department. On the same day a trusteeship cabinet of four neutral leaders took office in Lebanon which had had only a stop-gap government since President Beshara al-Khoury was forced from office earlier in the month. Note from Chart II (near bottom) that September 30 was also 1040 days after November 25, 1949, when the UN opened its debate on Communist aggression in China.

The Eighth Army disclosed on October I that the number of Russian troops stationed in Korea had increased from seven to twelve times during the year then closing. Meanwhile, General Chu Teh, commanderin-chief of Red China's army, called upon his troops to strive for the "liberation" of Formosa.

These items pointing up the intensification of Communist activity in the Far East appropriately came a 1040-day fruition period after November 26, 1949 when the appeal of Nationalist China against Soviet aggression was placed before the UN (center of Chart I). In addition, October 1 was 286 days before July 14, 1953, which will be 2520 days after the August 20, 1946 Yugoslav crisis.

Relations between the United States and Russia dipped to a new low on October 3 as the Kremlin demanded the recall of American Ambassador George F. Kennan whom they branded as "hostile." Coming on the eve of the Communist Party Congress, the ouster of Kennan deprived the United States of the first-hand observations of its leading authority on Russia at a time when the Soviets were clearly girding for new moves against the West.

The Kennan ouster came a solar tribulation period of 1260 days after the Atlantic Pact was signed on April 4, 1949. Data noted on the center of Chart II shows that October 3, 1952 was also 1040 plus 1260 days solar after efforts to draft World War II peace terms collapsed in May 1946. Through this date the sequence links back to the outbreak of World War I in 1914. Chart I adds the information that October 3 was 286 days after December 22, 1951, when Great Britain rejected Iran's ultimatum giving former customers ten days in which to buy oil on her terms.

The American and British replies to Premier Mossadegh's September 24 notes were delivered in Tehran on October 5. Ignoring the unacceptable Mossadegh counter-proposals, the Anglo-American notes explained more fully the August 30 plan advanced by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill, and left the next move up to the Iranian leader.

It is noteworthy that the Western communications to Tehran which tightened the Middle Eastern crisis came 1600 days lunar after the Palestine truce went into effect on June 11, 1948 (lower half of Chart I). October 5 was also 286 days lunar before July 14, 1953, which will be 2520 days after the August 1946 Yugoslav crisis.

The October 5 terminal brought from General Matthew B. Ridgway, the supreme Allied commander, a blunt warning that NATO's military strength was "dangerously inadequate." General Ridgway further declared:

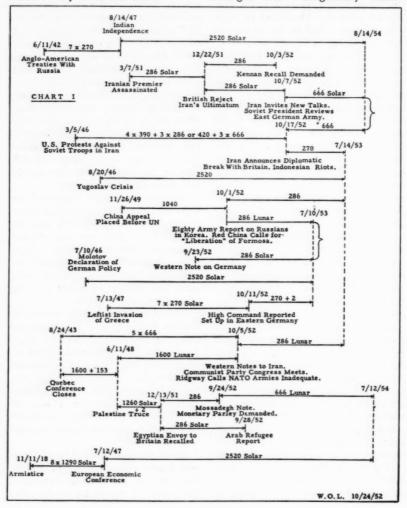
"I reject as unjustified and dangerous the premises that potential aggressors do not want war, are not ready for war, and will not precipitate war."

The Communist Party Congress opened in Moscow on the same October 5 terminal. Note from the chart that it fell exactly 5 x 666 days after the first Quebec Conference between British and American leaders closed on August 24, 1943.

Premier Mossadegh on October 7 suddenly reversed his stand and invited Great Britain to send a new mission to Iran to negotiate a settlement of the oil dispute. This was 286 days solar after December 22, 1951 when Great Britain rejected an Iranian ultimatum on oil purchases (top of Chart I). As indicated, October 7 was also 2 x 286 days solar after the March 7, 1951 assassination of Iranian Premier Razmara which cleared the way for Nationalist fanatics to seize power and start Iran careening toward chaos. Finally, note that October 7 was 666 days solar before August 14, 1954, which will be 2520 days solar after India received its independence in August 1947. The Indian independence was an outstanding waypoint along the road of retreat which brought Britain and America to the present straits where much of the heathen world is rising to challenge them. Other such waypoints were Indonesia and Abadan.

Germany was also in the news on October 7 as the Soviet President, Nikolai M. Shvernik, reviewed a monster parade in East Berlin which included units of the East German armed forces. Presence of the Soviet president stressed the extreme importance which the Kremlin leaders attach to their East German satellite.

The Korean truce talks collapsed on October 8. UN negotiators declared the conferences suspended following rejection by the Communists of a final Allied compromise proposal for breaking the deadlock over the exchange of prisoners. Two extremely significant time-measures mark this development. It came 420 days solar before December 8, 1953, which will be 1260 days after the United States entered the Korean war on June 27, 1950 (top of Chart II). In addition, October 8 was precisely 7 x 270 days (birth travail perfected) before December 11, 1957.



The latter date will close a forty-year generation after the British entered

Jerusalem in 1917.

The Washington government on the October 8 terminal forwarded to Moscow a note accusing Russia of "gross violation" of diplomatic traditions in demanding the recall of Ambassador Kennan.

The Berlin newspaper Neue Zeitung reported on October 11 that an East German military high command had been set up under a Communist politician and a former Nazi general. This development ties closely into the German pattern through the perfected birth travail period of 270 plus two days separating it from July 10, 1953. As indicated previously, this last date will be 2520 days solar after the July 1946 Molotov declaration of Soviet German policy. Also of interest is the solar 7 x 270 measure separating October 11, 1952 from the July 13, 1947 leftist invasion of Greece (lower center of Chart I).

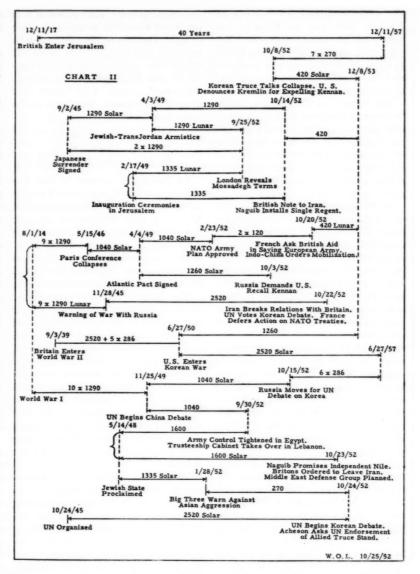
The final collapse of Anglo-Iranian negotiations over the oil issue came on October 14 when the British rejected Premier Mossadegh's bid for renewed talks. On the same day Premier Naguib tightened his control of Egypt by replacing the three-man regency

council with a single regent.

These two October 14 developments tie precisely into the unfolding Middle Eastern pattern. They came 1335 days after the February 17, 1949 inauguration ceremonies in Jerusalem and 1290 days after the April 3, 1949 armistice between the Israelis and Trans-Jordan (near top of Chart II). In addition, October 14 was 420 days before December 8, 1953, which will be 1260 days after the United States entered the Korean war.

Refer again to Chart II and note that both the lunar and mean terminals of the 1290 and 1335 cycles mentioned above marked crisis points in the widening rift between Britain and

Russia on October 15 moved to force a full-scale debate on the Korean war in the United Nations Assembly. This was 1040 days solar after November 25, 1949 when the UN began debating an earlier instance of flagrant Communist aggression: the conquest of China. Even more significant is the fact that Russia's October 15 moves came 6 x 286 days before June 27, 1957, which will be 2520 days solar after the United States entered the



Korean war in 1950 (lower half of Chart II).

The raging of the heathen became more conspicuously evident from mid-October on, and particularly from October 17 when it made headlines in two widely-separated places. In Tehran Premier Mossadegh announced his decision to break diplomatic relations with Great Britain. Meanwhile, the Indonesian capital of Jakarta was swept by a savage riot in which a mob of 10,000 demonstrated against Indonesia's Parliament and the Netherlands.

Especially noteworthy is the fact that these October 17 events came exactly 666 days before August 14, 1954, which links back to the date of India's independence through a solar 2520-day period (near top of Chart I). A 270-day period intervenes between October 17 and July 14, 1953, which will be 2520 days after the August 1946 Yugoslav crisis.

The chart also shows that Iran's October 17 announcement of a diplomatic break with Britain links pertinently to March 5, 1946 when the United States protested against Soviet troops in Iran. The interval between the two events is 2418 days, which may be taken either as 4 x 390 plus 3 x 286 or as 420 plus 3 x 666. The 390 measure is, of course, that denoting Israel's chastisement.

A major Viet-Minh offensive in Indo-China, launched in mid-October, made such alarming inroads that general mobilization was ordered by the Thai provincial government in Tonkin. This was on October 20, which was 420 days lunar before December 8, 1953. Follow out on Chart II the three terminals of this 420 cycle and note what an outstanding pattern of tautening crisis they unfolded.

The British on October 20 flew a battalion of troops to Kenya colony to help local authorities combat mounting terrorism by the secret Mau Mau organization which has sworn war to the death against the white man. Activities of these terrorists had been on the increase for several weeks.

In Paris, meanwhile, opposition to the proposed European Army had become so strong that French officials appealed urgently to Britain for help in saving the plan. Government leaders hoped that some new evidence of British support for the projected European Defense Community would help meet objections raised by French opposition leaders. It is significant indeed that this crisis for the European section of NATO should come precisely a double warning period of 2 x 120 days after the NATO army plan was approved on February 23, 1952. Reference to the center of Chart II will show the unbroken sequence of chronological measures which link these NATO developments back to the beginning of World War I.

The Iranian government on October 22 formally severed diplomatic relations with Britain. On the same day the UN voted to hold an immediate debate on the Korean war. In addition the UN voted to place the explosive Tunisian and Moroccan issues in second and third spots on the agenda. This cleared the way for a series of bitter and heated UN sessions which could easily push the tindery world into its ultimate cataclysm.

NATO prospects dimmed further on October 22 as the French government decided not to press for immediate action on the army pacts and the German treaty. This meant that French ratification could not come before February 1953 at the earliest.

The October 22 terminal which brought these three crucial developments fell 2520 days after November 28, 1945 when American Senator Edwin C. Johnson warned of approaching war with Russia. This 2520-day measure marking October 22 for important developments was first called to the attention of Destiny readers in the March 1951 issue (page

89). Subsequently other material was published from time to time as it came to light. Destiny readers interested in studying out the full chronological significance of this noteworthy October 22 date may begin with the abovementioned March 1951 chart and then go on through the charts in the following issues:

May 1951 (page 170) June 1951 (page 206) December 1951 (page 427)

Of particular interest is the fact that the last-listed chart notes October 22 as both 1290 plus 390 days after March 17, 1948 and also 286 plus 390 days after December 16, 1950. The 1948 date is that upon which President Truman called for a peacetime draft. Upon the 1950 date the United States declared a national emergency.

The Middle East was prominently in the news on October 23, a date which fell a solar "space or extent of judgment" period after the Israeli state was proclaimed on May 14, 1948. In Egypt, Premier Naguib promised wildly-cheering crowds that their nation would become a great power in the world and pledged himself to "complete independence of the Nile valley." This clearly evidenced Egypt's determination to drive Britain from both the Suez Canal Zone and the Sudan.

Meanwhile, in Iran the ousting of the British was nearly complete. On this October 23 terminal evacuation instructions were issued to some 250 British nationals still in the country. And a London announcement revealed that seven nations had agreed in principle to set up a new military group to plan the build-up of Middle Eastern defenses against Communism. This announcement demonstrated anew how little comprehension of the Middle Eastern peril, or of the tempo of events there, exists among Western leaders.

As the UN opened its debate on the Korean problem on October 24, American Secretary of State Acheson introduced a resolution asking the UN to endorse the Allied stand in the Korean truce talks, especially its adamant position against forced repatriation of prisoners. The resolution also called upon the Assembly to urge the Communists to accept an armistice on the terms laid down by the UN. This was on the solar terminal of 2520 days after the UN was organized in October 1945 (bottom of Chart II).

It was also 270 days after January 28, 1952 when the Big Three warned against further Communist aggression in the Far East.

The French delay in ratifying the European Army treaty completely bogged down a program that was already becoming a costly futility. The lamentable and shocking state of NATO defense preparations was revealed in part by the columnist Victor Riesel on October 22. Dealing particularly with air bases, he reported that nearly every one built in France and North Africa has proved unusable because of faulty construction. Mr. Riesel declared:

"Today our NATO forces don't have three air bases for our planes to use when we should have 20 in Europe alone. This, despite the expenditure of several billion dollars."

The final knell is sounding for American and British hopes of finding security in alliance with a crumbling and morally decadent Europe. The quickening of tumult throughout the world is a tocsin warning that the climactic throes of the world's judgment ordeal are imminent indeed.

Everywhere the free world is hard pressed or in retreat. Fighting rages anew in Korea. The Viet-Minh Reds gain in Indo-China. Iran poises on the brink of a catastrophic Communist coup. Strategic areas of Africa seethe. Every day Russia's preponderance of military might over the Western world grows.

How much of a drubbing must America and Britain absorb before they see the light? Neither France nor Turkey, nor the revived armies of Germany and Japan, will save them when the ultimate showdown comes. They will be preserved only by the intervention of the God of battles.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." (Isa. 59: 19-20.)

The key fact is that the vital prerequisite is a spirit of contrition and humility now entirely lacking in the Anglo-Saxon world. Only when a chastened populace, with one accord, seeks the commandments of God and turns from the works of darkness will there be escape from the peril now closing in on every hand.

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BESOM of DESTRUCTION

ED. Note: Many theories have been advanced to account for the record of the Deluge as given in the Bible. There are those who persist in drawing the deduction that it was not universal, while others are convinced that all the earth was covered by the waters of the Flood. The following exegesis from *The Deluge and Its Cause* by Isaac N. Vail sets forth interesting evidence supporting the conclusion that the Deluge was not a localized disaster but that it was world-wide.

N His PLAN to prepare the earth for the habitation of man, God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters" (Gen. 1:6). We understand by this expression that the primeval ocean was to be divided into two or more parts by the Hebrew rakia, or firmament; which means simply an expanse. In some translations of the Bible this word is rendered "air," and the expression is, "Let there be air in the midst of water, making a division between the two waters." In the same connection it is further declared that, "God called the firmament heaven," and since the first inhabitants could recognize only these three things, viz.: the earth, its seas, and the sky that surrounded them; and since their earth and their seas were the same as our earth and seas, their firmament must have been the same as our sky, or atmosphere. The idea of solidity and strength, which became associated with the Latin firmamentum, was the invention of astronomers, who thought the heavens were a series of crystal spheres, and became thoroughly incorporated into the science of astronomy as Ptolemy's theory of Epicycles gained adherents. Its original meaning thus became modified.

It is therefore evident that the firmament was the atmosphere, and that it was so applied by the ancient Hebrews. There is no word in the Hebrew language designating the atmosphere from the rest of the expanse above, whence it is evident that the Hebrews knew of no such distinction. The firmament they considered to be an expanse about the earth, and beyond it was a great fund of waters; and the expression "waters above the firmament" means the waters above the atmosphere.

But where are the waters above the

atmosphere? And how could the atmosphere, or firmament, cause a separation of waters? How are we to understand that a mere expanse, or a body of air, could become a partition between two bodies of water, one situated above and the other below it. It is needless to say that this subject, like that of the deluge, is a most perplexing and difficult one to reconcile with scientific law. Nor have the various theories that have been proposed been sufficient to allay the fierce animosities and disputes between the theologian on one hand and the scientist on the other. The latter declares in favor of nature as it is, and the former declares in favor of the miraculous suspension of nature's operations, in order to explain phenomena alluded to in the Bible. As these individuals are traveling in opposite directions in their search for truth, permit me to take a middle course.

Away out toward the boundaries of the solar system, we may behold that beautiful clockwork of worlds, of which the planet Saturn is the center. In addition to his eight moons, three stupendous rings revolve about him, two composed of meteoric, and one (the inner) of aqueous matter. There, 19,000 miles from his surface, revolves an ocean, 8,000 miles broad and 100 miles thick; an ocean above Saturn's firmament, or atmosphere.

Were we situated upon that planet, in order to behold those revolving waters, we would have to look upward, and could readily understand how two bodies of water could be separated by a rakia, an expanse — by a firmament. If that aqueous ring were now over-canopying our little earth, no person would say the firmament could not be a natural and philosophical partition between the divided waters. Every man would see a literal and true interpretation of that

mysterious passage, inscribed on the very face of the heavens. The infidel would see himself confronted and denied by the book of nature on which he so confidently relies.

Well, then, are we to understand that the earth was at one time surrounded by an aqueous ring, or belt, of waters? We turn again to Genesis:

"And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so." (Gen. 1:7.)

To him who stands by the integrity of the Mosaic account of creation, there can be no doubt upon this subject. The declaration is unqualified, that there were waters above and waters below. Those below were on the earth, for it was said, "Let the waters under the firmament be gathered" together that the "dry land might appear." Then the waters above were overhead. But the language of science, unimpeached and unimpeachable, is that no such body of water could possibly exist there, unless it should revolve about the earth as a ring, or belt.

That truthful, but much abused science, geology, tells us that there was a time when the native heat of the earth repelled vast quantities of vapor and mists from its surface. These could not avoid being thrown into belts by the rotary motion of the earth. In fact it might be said that such formations are the necessary consequences of the evolution of worlds from their primitive state.

The most eminent astronomers now living claim that both Saturn and Jupiter are today repelling, by their native heat, their waters into space. Both are characterized by the presence of aqueous belts, in double or multiple layers, that must successively condense and fall as oceans upon those planets, when the heat that now holds

them in space ceases to act. And I presume it will not be denied very long that our oceans have many times been augmented by the successive precipitation of waters from space

beyond our atmosphere.

Since, then, we have the plain declaration of the Scriptures that there were waters above and beyond the firmament; since we see waters so placed above the surface of other planets, and since such bodies of water must revolve about the central body, I claim that the earth in antediluvian times were surrounded by a huge belt of waters; that it was visible to the first inhabitants as the last remnant of waters falling to the earth. These waters originally formed in and repelled from that great laboratory, the primitive earth, skirted the boundaries of a vast and remarkable atmosphere with which the chemist, the geologist and enlightened astronomer are familiar.

Well, such an object must have had a name. Mark that the waters on the earth were called seas. The alone remaining Hebrew word, which could refer to the waters, we render the "Great Deep." It was so called because all mankind formerly believed that the clouds were fed from above. They beheld them grow dark and heavy and expand until they rent themselves and emptied their contents upon the earth. The whole range of ancient writings, both sacred and profane, abundantly prove this. So thoroughly were the Hebrews impressed with this belief that we find it the belief of mankind thousands of years after the Great Deep had fallen to the earth.

The expression, "the breaking up of the deep," or "depths," so frequently met with in ancient writings, meant the pouring of the fountain above the heaven into the clouds through the imaginary windows set in a solid vault. That the ancients thought the vault or boundary of the firmament was solid will not be denied by anyone familiar with their writings. The Hebrews declare it was "strong as a molten looking glass." They tell us, "By His knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew [rain]." They said, "Praise Him ye waters that are above the heavens," and "Deep calleth unto Deep at the noise of Thy waterspout." These quotations might be greatly multiplied. That they prove that mankind thought there was a great deep above cannot be denied.

If, in comparatively recent times, after the Great Deep had fallen to the earth, mankind believed there was yet a body of water above which was the source from which the clouds received their supplies, what must have been the belief of the first inhabitants who beheld that body of water? The idea that the "Deep" referred to in Genesis was the terrestrial ocean must be abandoned.

But if there was at one time a body of water above, where is it now? The sun shines, unobscured, through a clear atmosphere, showing that there is nothing more dense than the air through which its rays have to penetrate.

Critical observation upon Saturn's aqueous ring shows that it is constantly undergoing important changes. Some scientists have even announced that portions of it have at different times become detached from it and fallen into Saturn's atmosphere, floating away like huge clouds and uniting with his watery belts. A belt of vapor, or water, revolving in the outskirts of the atmosphere surrounding a planet, must inevitably lose its independent rotary motion, and thus gradually sink toward the attracting central body. Thus, there is a perpetual tendency of such belts as we observe in the solar system to fall, and fall they all must in time. There does no longer exist in the earth an appreciable repelling force, caused by the native heat of that body and, as a legitimate consequence, its exterior waters have fallen. But we are not without important direct evidence on a question so momentous.

"For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth." (Gen. 7: 4.)

Such was the menace of the Almighty, against "all flesh that had corrupted its way."

I ask, was this intended to be a natural rain? Could the clouds by a natural process precipitate such a rain? We all know that the Creator of heaven and earth, who holds the oceans in His palms, and balances the universe as upon the tip of His finger, can do any and all things. But I ask, in the name of science, did such a rain descend from the clouds? A rain powerful enough to destroy every created

thing; to be continued forty days and nights, and falling from the clouds, demands a suspension or modification of every law of nature. The laws of evaporation and condensation of moisture; the laws of heat, gravitation and motion, could not have been then as now, on the supposition that such a rain came from the clouds, and yet it would be preposterous for any man to deny that the above sentence was carried into execution. Again we open the Sacred Volume and read:

"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." (Gen. 7: 11-12.)

"And the waters prevailed and increased and all the high hills were covered" by the down-pouring waters.

I ask the critical student (none else) to take into consideration the universal belief of mankind, when those waters fell, or if he choose, when that declaration was penned, viz.: that all falling waters came from a great deep situated above the clouds beyond the solid shell of the firmament, through imaginary windows, and then reconcile to it, if he can, the modern idea that the deep here referred to was the terrestrial ocean.

Because our ideas run thus, we must not conclude that they are the same that always have obtained. Ideas change with the birth and death of races. A multitude of facts, which I cannot now further refer to, when followed out, I am persuaded, prove beyond a doubt that the ocean was not at all referred to. Under these conclusions neither scientist nor theologian can claim that the deluge was a mere local flood. It must necessarily have been much more general than many have been accustomed to suppose.

A body of exterior waters, skirting the atmosphere, having its motion gradually diminished, would gradually descend toward the earth, and must have spread to the poles by the mere force of gravity. In the torrid and temperate zones there must have been a prolonged down-rush of waters; but at the poles a down-rush of snow. The animals in the warmer regions would be drowned and carried away by retreating waters. Those in the polar regions would be suddenly entombed in snow, which in aftertimes, would be converted into glacier ice; and

those animals would be preserved until released by the retreating mass containing them. Well, what are the facts? Today may be found the skeletons of the hairy mammoth, imbedded in "pure clear ice," more than two hundred feet beneath the glacier surface, and forty feet above the surface of the earth; the whole carcass preserved, their hair, skin and eyes; their flesh becoming the food of wolves and bears; the contents of their stomachs undigested, showing that they luxuriated in coniferous forests up to the very time, or day, of their death. These facts give no room for speculation. Their history was written then, and from it we glean the incontestable evidence that they were suddenly overwhelmed by a downfall of snow. Cuvier declared that these mammals "were frozen up immediately after death." He might have said they perished in their graves.

From the retreating glaciers their remains have been falling for thousands of years. Whole cargoes of elephantine ivory and other fossils are picked up from the surface, or dug from the frozen soil. There alone are they found upon the surface. In medial latitudes they are always buried, and from this fact, that all surface remains of animals of the northern latitudes have been and are still preserved, we may draw the conclusion that they have fallen from glacier ice. I ask scientists to show what other agency

has preserved them.

During the fall of the waters here supposed, on that part of the earth sloping toward the north pole, there must have been a great rush of the same toward the latter. Everything that could float would be swept thither. The travels of Erman in northern Siberia have proved that such a wave did sweep from the Altai Mountains to the Arctic regions. Skirting the Northern Ocean, he says, there are hills 300 feet high, made up in great part of whole carcasses of mammoths and other mammals, "cemented together by layers of frozen mud and ice." Driftwood, piled equally high: "Trees with their trunks thrown upon each other in the wildest disorder, forced up in spite of gravitation, and with their tops broken off, or crushed as if they had been thrown with great violence from the south on a bank and there heaped up."

The testimony of other explorers adds to this chain of evidence, from

which we must draw the conclusion that whatever may be said of former revolutions that desolated the world, this last was a visitation sudden, universal and complete.

There is much collateral evidence which bears upon this question that would not be proper to introduce here, yet I cannot refrain from noticing one or two most significant facts. Such a belt of waters, as it approached the earth, perhaps during a vast lapse of time, must have widened or expanded as it came under the influence of the atmosphere, and thus have gradually affected the climate of the whole earth. The sun's heat could readily penetrate such a body and augment the temperature of the atmosphere, but not so readily return into space. This increase of temperature would cause the temperate and torrid zones to become one stupendous greenhouse - the waters above acting like a glass roof. Well, is it not a fact that, immediately previous to the deluge, such a climate as is here supposed did actually obtain? Have we not ample evidence to prove that at that time vast numbers of herbivorous animals luxuriated beneath the very Arctic circle? Have we anything but confirmatory evidence that primeval man dwelt naked in that terrestrial paradise?

What other satisfactory reason can we assume for this remarkable change in the climatical condition of the globe, which, but a short time previously, was but a scene of universal death a world chained in ice? What caused the earth to issue again from its glacial fetters, and bloom afresh? What caused man and beast to possess the earth again? I presume it cannot be accounted for by solar changes. The cause was more immediate and nearer home - more transient in its general effects, and yet without subjecting the earth to those violent extremes of excessive heat in summer and cold in winter that must necessarily attend an increase of solar heat. Something modified those extremes and in a measure prevented the change of sea-

Is it unreasonable, then, to ask, What else than an aqueous ring, descending into the atmosphere and spreading out in the form of a huge belt, could produce this change? And again, what else than its fall could have produced the universal destruction of those animals whose remains

are found in the modified drift? What else could for the last time have caused the northern glaciers to again increase, and move farther south? These perplexing problems I trust are approaching a solution.

I believe most Bible commentators agree that the ninth chapter of Genesis shows that antediluvian man never saw a rainbow. Now if no rainbow occurred before the deluge, it was because something so intercepted and modified the sun's rays as to prevent its formation. Is there any probability that there was any intervening body between the earth and sun, except the waters above the firmament? What else could have caused such a hindrance? The impurities of a chemical atmosphere had been stored away. Aqueous matter was the last to descend to the earth. But the most remarkable thing in this connection is the fact that the bow was made a sign. A sign of what?

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." (Gen. 9: 13.)

It was a sign that there "should no more be a flood to deluge the earth" — a sign of perpetual security from a repetition of this catastrophe.

Was it a sign that no more great rains should come from the clouds? Such rains occur all the time. Was it a sign that the earth was not to be devastated by an influx of the ocean? If so, where is the philosophy of such a sign? Such devastations have occurred many times, and the bow cannot be a sign of security from such an ordeal. Then it is a sign of what? Not of our security from rain from the clouds; not from an influx of the terrestrial waters. Is it not an infallible sign that there can be no more floods from exterior waters? Is it not a philosophical sign that the Great Deep has fallen?

So long as man lives on the earth and beholds yonder bow in the cloud, he has a sign of security from a deluge. I presume this token of Omnipotence will forever remain unexplained, unless we admit the former existence of a celestial ring of waters that prevented the formation of the bow before the deluge.

It is a well known fact that during the reign of the mammoth and his contemporaries, England was a part of the main continent, the English Channel in all probability did not exist, and North America and Asia had land communication. The same species of animals inhabited both lands. Many of our continental islands have been separated from the main land in modern geological times. The evidence on this point is abundant and conclusive. So general a change in the topographical features of the three continents cannot reasonably be attributed to a subsidence of the land, but rather to the augmentation of the oceanic waters. What but a fall of exterior waters could have made this increase?

There was a time when a great part of the land of the earth was covered by a vast moving glacier. Its track is seen in every continent. In many places it must have been more than a mile in depth. It scraped the sides and summit of Mt. Washington, more than 6,000 feet high. I am persuaded that nothing but a fall of snow could have formed this mighty mass. That snow could not have been formed from vapor raised by solar heat, for that solar heat would have prevented the fall of snow and the formation of the glacier. It was not caused by a withdrawal of solar heat, for then water could not have evaporated to form into snow. That snow must therefore have fallen from space. Thus, a succession of rings approaching and then expanding by the force of gravity into belts and finally falling would seem to account for those great cataclysms of modern geological times, which have, time after time, swept the earth with the "besom of destruction."

If this point be denied, whence, then, came the waters of the ocean? It rests with those who oppose this theory to satisfactorily account for the fact that the oceans are now on the earth; and also for the fact that they have been many times augmented. They must also account for the fact that the ocean fauna has at different times suddenly disappeared from a great part of the globe.

I ask the reader to put these links together. First, the waters above the

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Until that moment of awakening comes, the tribulation will be intensified as the tumult mounts and the flames of fanaticism in heathen lands rage more furiously. It is an awesome spectacle, this vista of an entire world in the throes of judgment. Fortunate indeed are those who have sought the enlightenment of Scriptural prophecy and can watch the drama in serene foreknowledge of its outcome.

firmament; then, the forty days' rain, and the disappearance of those waters from above; the great cemetery of antediluvian animals at the poles; the climatical change contemporary with the deluge; and the bow as a sign! When he has done this, he has a chain, from which hangs a key, with which he may unlock some of the most perplexing questions of science.

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result of his personal efforts. Speaking always to crowded houses, his meetings were invariably characterized by a deep awe and solemnity of feeling, but wholly devoid of that excitement which had been attributed to them. So intense was the interest felt in his theme that it became easy for newsboys to hoax the public in large cities by circulating handbills that he was to give an address in the city; and this was done in Washington so that a crowd of over 5000 people met one Sunday morning in the streets in front of the Capitol in response to one of these jokes.

At last the eventful year passed, with Father Miller laboring incessantly to keep his lecturing engagements and fulfill his promise to his Maker to "tell it to the world." He never set any day, as he felt that to be contrary to Scripture, but watched all through the term set, and on into the "seventh month" movement, which did not originate with him, but which he hoped might be of God. After that passed he wrote Elder Jones: "The disappointment which we have experienced, in my opinion, could never have been foreseen or avoided; and

we have been honest men and believed in the truth of the Bible. I have had time the few weeks past to review the entire subject, and with the aid of the whole school of modern writers, I cannot see why we were not right."

He was now an old man, broken down by his protracted labors, but he continued to meet invitations that still kept coming in for lectures; and also to write for the paper, Signs of the Times, first edited by Elder Himes in 1840, in response to Mr. Miller's urgent request for such a periodical. His great desire was not to found a separate denomination, but rather to open up this subject to the people of God everywhere, but so numerous were the conflicting views entertained and promulgated that the leading men of the new movement met with Mr. Miller in a Mutual Conference, at Albany, April 29, 1845, and made a statement of Important Truths as a safeguard.

A year or so before this the Baptist denomination, of which William Miller had been a member for "over thirty years," began excluding all who shared his views, together with himself; to which he replied in a most pathetic appeal commencing: "Dear Brethren: We would ask, in the name of our dear Master, Jesus Christ, by all that is holy, by the fellowship of the saints and the love of the truth, why you cast us off as if we were heretics?" These events unified them and thus arose the Advent Christian body.

Toward the end of William Miller's final sickness he sank into a state of coma for several hours, but finally rousing, he turned to his nephew, the Rev. David Bosworth, whom he always called "my own dear son in the Lord," and said in strong clear tones, "Tell them we are right, David, tell them we are right! The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, but they must be patient and wait for Him." With that "the silver cord was loosened, the golden bowl was broken at the fountain and the wheel broken at the cistern, the dust was left to return to the dust as it was and the spirit returned to God who gave it." Thus, on December 20, 1849, the "Father of Adventism" passed home.

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filled all things with death; and it touched the heaven, but it stood upon the earth. Then suddenly visions of horrible dreams troubled them sore, and terrors came upon them unlooked for. And one thrown here, and another there, half dead, shewed the cause of his death. For the dreams that troubled them did foreshew this, lest they should perish, and not know why they were afflicted." (Wisdom of Solomon 18: 14-19.)

That this Almighty word is a Divine power which can be stayed or restrained by prayer is evident from the record which continues:

"Yea, the tasting of death touched the righteous also, and there was a destruction of the multitude in the wilderness: but the wrath endured not long. For then the blameless man [Moses] made haste, and stood forth to defend them; and bringing the shield of his proper ministry, even prayer, and the propitiation of incense, set himself against the wrath, and so brought the calamity to an end, declaring that he was thy servant.

"So he overcame the destroyer, not with strength of body, nor force of arms, but with a word subdued he him that punished, alleging the oaths and covenants made with the fathers. For when the dead were now fallen down by heaps one upon another, standing between, he stayed the wrath, and parted the way to the living." (Wisdom of Solomon 18: 20-23.)

The vital fact to recognize from this narrative is that the wrath of God is a manifestation of Divine power which comes into operation through the instrumentality of an Angel of Destruction when the collective evil of a people reaches a certain degree or level. By analogy, it is like a flow of energy from a high to a low potential, so that people, by their inherent evil, bring judgment and destruction upon themselves. Yet, through the power of intercession, Moses stayed the wrath because the power of intercession brings about a raising of the spiritual potential.

This is a fact we are going to need to acknowledge in the days of Divine judgment upon the nations which lie before us. The Almighty word subdued by a word! How mighty is the power of intercession which can overcome and restrain or stay the operation of an Angel of Destruction.

Notwithstanding the terrible aspect of all these things, the Son of God, who is to appear at this time, is the same One of whom it is written: "The Son of Man is not come

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our Dean Acheson forcing through a loan of \$90,000,000 to the Soviet-controlled Warsaw government of Poland, a loan negotiated by Donald Hiss, law partner of Acheson, brother of imprisoned traitor, Alger Hiss. This while Red terrorists in Poland were arresting American citizens, crushing all freedoms, and while our Ambassador, Arthur Bliss Lane, was pleading, 'Please do not give the Communists more money to strengthen their iron fist.'

I will remember the anguished cry of Ambassador Lane, 'God help the United States!', when that same Acheson was rewarded for aiding the enemy by being made Secretary of State. I will remember that Dean Acheson, in November 1945 at Madison Square Garden, speaking to the National Conference of Soviet-American Friendship, an outfit identified as Communist and subversive, on the same platform with Paul Robeson and the Red Dean of Canterbury, promised that the United States would not oppose Stalin's encircling himself with satellites. That's how come Korea!

"I shall remember and I will not trust our future to those who have betrayed the past. Can you think again of your husband, son or grandson and, unprotesting, watch them led to slaughter?" to destroy men's lives but to save them." But the hour comes when the cup of iniquity is full and then men bring down the violence of Divine retribution upon themselves.

If in the coming fulfillment of the vision of Esdras, total disintegration falls upon the multitude "which was prepared to fight" rather than submit to the rule of Christ on earth, so that "they are burned up every one and nothing is to be perceived but only dust," then this will be the first time on record in which Divine power has been demonstrated with such devastating finality. The same uncompromising decisiveness, however, is evidenced in all the supporting Scriptures and prophetic pictures regarding the cleansing destined to take place at the end of the age.

"Gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them"; "He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire"; "So shall it be at the end of the age: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire."

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"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come . . . and that thou shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." (Rev. 11: 18.)

And again:

"We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned." (Rev. 11: 17.)

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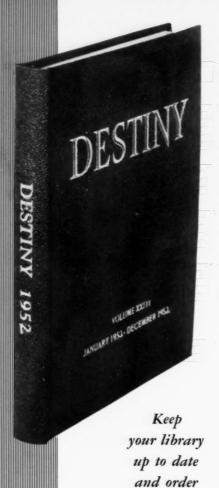
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